



RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MINUTES

9th January 2013

Present:

Councillors J. Orson (Chairman), M.W. Barnes, G.E Botterill, M. Gordon, E. Holmes, L. Horton, E. Hutchinson, J.B Rhodes, J. Simpson, J. Wyatt

As Observers:

D.R Wright, P.M Chandler

Strategic Director (CAM), Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Head of Regulatory Services, Chief Accountant, Corporate Property Officer, Interim Planning Policy Manager, Waste Management and Grounds Maintenance Manager, Administrative Assistant for Communities and Neighbourhoods.

R39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Baguley.

R40. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st October 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

R41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Orson and Councillor Rhodes declared a personal interest in any item involving the County Council

R42. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from other committees.

R43. UPDATE ON DECISIONS

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presented a report to update Members in respect of decisions from previous meetings.

RESOLVED that the Update on Decisions be noted

R44. APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION: 10/00951/FUL: WIND FARM COMPRISING OF 9 TURBINES TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE.

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report seeking funding for participation in a Public Inquiry in respect of planning application 10/00951/FUL.

The Head of Regulatory Services explained to Members that at present no appeal has materialised however that officers had been notified of an intent to log an appeal.

RESOLVED that in the event of a public inquiry being arranged, it is delegated to the Head of Central Services to allocate a sum of £50,000 from the general fund Working Balance in order to provide legal advocacy and high quality expert evidence, to enable full participation at a standard that maximises the prospects of success in the appeal inquiry.

R.45 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT ON WIND POWER

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presented a report seeking Members' approval of the arrangements for the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document on Wind Power.

The Interim Planning Policy Manager brought Members' attention to paras 3.10 setting out the criteria to be addressed in the SPD, to paras 3.12-3.13 outlining the evidence requirements that may be to be collected by consultants and to the proposed programme in para 3.16.

Councillor Barnes entered the meeting.

Discussion took place about the angles from which the turbines can be seen and the assessment taking into account the view at different seasons. The Interim Planning Policy Manager agreed that the assessment should take into account the impact on views with and without leaves on the trees. The assessment should also address the appropriate distances the turbines must be from residential properties.

A Member expressed a desire that every effort should be made for the Supplementary Planning Document to coincide with the adoption of the Core Strategy.

A Member expressed concern over inter-visibility and the cumulative impact of existing and pending applications and suggested that something could be included into legislation to defer new cases until existing cases have been completed.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document on Wind Power based on the scope, evidence requirements and timetable set out in this report be authorised;
- 2) The officers be instructed to draw up a brief for the work and to seek quotations from suitably qualified and experienced consultants;
- 3) Delegated authority be given to the Head Of Communities and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, to agree decisions on the final scope and methodology for the SPD, following discussion with the successful consultant.

R.46 CAPITAL WORKS REQUIRED TO PROPERTY ASSETS FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2013-14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Head of Central Services presented a report to determine the Mandates that Members wish to include in the Committee's Capital Programme for 2013-14.

The Corporate Property Officer explained that this report came out results of the Gleeds report.

A Member expressed that any work regarding the cattle market should be clearly mapped out and be a part of a strategic plan that should be presented to Members.

RESOLVED that each of the project mandates by included in the Committees Capital Programme for 2013-14

The Corporate Policy Officer left the meeting

R47. WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGING OPTIONS FOR WHEELED BIN CONTAINERS

Councillor Sheldon left the meeting

The Head of Regulatory Services presented a report to seek Members determination in regards to introducing a charging option regime for providing refuse and recycling wheeled bins to domestic properties.

The Waste Management and Grounds Maintenance Manager reminded the committee that the wheeled bins are on permanent loan to residents and asked Members to determine the level of concession.

Councillor Sheldon returned to the meeting.

Discussion took place about the bins being covered on household insurance and about different levels of concession as well as exemption.

It was proposed and seconded that replacement black bins be charged for and replacement brown bins be loaned for free. This was not supported by other Members.

RESOLVED that a delivery and permanent loan charge of £35 for the supply or replacement of either a residual waste container (black wheeled bin) or mixed recycling container (brown wheeled bin) be applied when the customer is at fault or has contributed to the need for the wheeled bin.

It was suggested by the Strategic Director (CAM) that a policy of concessions be brought back to the committee.

R. 48 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Waste Management and Grounds Maintenance Manager and The Head of Regulatory Services left the meeting.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presented a report seeking Members approval for the allocation of £8,000 from 2012/13 budget reductions to purchase additional Christmas Lights for Burton Street. The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods explained that from the support and success of the Christmas Light switch on event a plan has been developed to link the whole town together through lighting the path in Play Close up to the Town Centre.

The Head of Regulatory Services returned.

Discussions took place about the aesthetics of the lights and the cost of maintenance.

RESOLVED that the allocation of £8,000 from 2012/13 budget reductions be approved to purchase additional Christmas Lights for Burton Street.

R49. MELTON MOWBRAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report to update Members on the BID's progress and projects delivered during 2011-2012. The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods drew Members attention to para 3.4 in which the main activities were outlined, and highlighted the success of the Free trade recycling scheme service which is working well and getting a good response.

Discussions took place around the Annual Survey results showing Business Confidence and the likelihood of free trade recycling being extended to further than the Town Centre.

RESOLVED that the update on the BID progress be noted.

R50. MELTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2013

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presented a report in respect of the Draft Melton Local Development Scheme 2013.

The Interim Planning Policy Manager explained that a number of development plan documents that had previously been proposed would be condensed into the single Melton Local Development Scheme in accordance with NPPF.

A minor amendment was made to the report; on the top of page 6 para 3.3 June 2013 should read July 2013.

A Member asked about the Community Infrastructure Levy and was guided to Page 9 of the appendix outlining the CIL schedule and showing that the first consultation will take place in May.

Councillor Holmes stated that she did not feel it was appropriate to take part in the voting on this item.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The draft Melton Local Development Scheme 2013 be approved for the purposes of consultation with the County Council, adjoining local planning authorities and other bodies prescribed under the Duty to Cooperate.
- 2) The scheme be adopted following the consultation process, subject to no adverse comments being received.

R51. EMPLOYMENT GROWTH AREA REPORT

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a revised report informing Members of the final draft Employment Growth Area Delivery Statement.

The revised report and recommendation requested members to approve the Statement In support of the Core Strategy's broad allocation of Employment Growth Area of up to 30ha to the south west of the town, along Leicester Road

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that the Employment Growth Area Delivery Statement Final Report had been previously taken to the MLDF working group.

RESOLVED that the Economic Growth Area Delivery Statement be approved.

Councillor Barnes, Councillor Wright and The Strategic Director (CAM) left the meeting.

R52. **BUS SHELTER UPDATE**

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report updating Members on the Bus Shelter Improvements programme and the installation of a new Bus Shelter on Asfordby Road, the Chief Executive exercising her urgent authority to expedite this matter.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The Bus Shelter budget of £18k be reinstated to the 2012/13 capital programme.
- 2) the funds needed to provide a shelter at the Asfordby Road Site are allocated
- 3) The determination that the Asfordby Road Shelter be provided.
- 4) Any ancillary matters which may need to be put in place to give effect to this decision be carried out.
- 5) A study of the condition of the Bus Shelter provision be carried out by officers & that this be reported to the REEA Committee at its meeting as part of the June Cycle following consideration at the Town Area Working Group.

The Strategic Director (CAM) entered the meeting

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the Public be excluded during the consideration of the following item(s) of business in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Access to Information: Exempt Information under Paragraph 3.

REVIEW OF BUILDING CONTROL SERVICE DELIVERY

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report to provide detail to Members of alternative methods of delivering the Building Control service with a view to identifying any scope for a reduction in the cost of delivery.

RESOLVED that option A be proceeded with.

The meeting which started at 6:30pm closed at 8:24pm

Chairman