



RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

4th September 2013

Present:

Councillor G.E Botterill, E. Hutchinson, J. Illingworth, T. Moncrieff, J. Moulding, J.T Orson (Chairman), J.B Rhodes, M.R Sheldon (Vice Chairman)

As Substitute

Councillor D.Wright (substitute for J.Douglas) A. Freer-Jones (substitute for E. Holmes)

Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods,
Head of Regulatory Services, Head of Central Services, Senior Accountant,
Administrative Assistant for Communities and Neighbourhoods.

R13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

P. Baguley, J. Douglas, E. Holmes sent their apologies.

R14. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of the 29th May were confirmed and authorised to be signed by the Chairman following the amendments below;

Councillor Gordon attended the meeting as an observer.

R15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rhodes and Councillor Orson declared a personal interest in any item arising involving the County Council and Item 9 by virtue of them being Members of the Police and Crime Commissioning Board.

R16. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from other committees.

R17. UPDATE ON DECISIONS

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted an update on decisions from the previous meeting on the 29th May 2013, which was noted by the committee.

R18. BUDGET MONITORING APRIL TO JUNE 2013

The Head of Central Services presented a report to provide information on actual expenditure and income incurred on this committee's services compared to the latest approved budget for the period 1st April 2013 to 30th June 2013. The Head of Central Services stated that the main areas that are forecast to be overspent at the year end are the Car Park and Cattle Market with development control forecasting to be underspent due to more income than budgeted expected to be received. Members attention was brought to para 3.6.1 and Appendix B, forecasting an overall surplus.

The recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED that the financial position on each of this Committee's services to 30th June be noted.

R19. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING APRIL TO JULY 2013

The Head of Central Services presented a report to update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 31st July 2013.

The recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted.

R20. CORPORATE REVIEW OF CHARGES 2014-15

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to provide information on various fees and charges that are made by this committee.

The Head of Central Services stated that under the constitution only charges increased by other than inflation have to be brought to committee.

Discussion took place regarding taxi licenses and the car parking strategy. It was stated by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods that the car parking strategy will be presented to Members at a later committee, however it is not essential that the strategy informs the charges at this moment.

A Member proposed an amendment, under recommendation 2.1;

"We agree to change the car parking charges in the town to introduce a 30 minute car park charge, set at half the hourly rate, and that we agree to abolish the higher charge on Tuesday and return it to a rate in line with the rest of week. Furthermore that we agree to exempt Bank Holidays from any charge."

Discussion took place around the free 30 minute on street car parking that is currently in place in the town centre and the car parking strategic review.

The amendment to recommendation 2.1 was not carried.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The level of charges for 2014-15 be determined for each of the services set out in the table top operate from 1st April 2014.
- 2) The level of licensing- hackney carriage/private hire charges for 2014-15 as paragraph 3.8.6 be provisionally determined.
- 3) The provisional fees of £275 and £300 be set for Scrap Metal Dealers and Premises respectively, in accordance with the methodology set out at para 3.9.2, and the authority be delegated to the Head of Regulatory Services to adjust these in accordance with the Government toolkit when published.

R.21. **ALLIANCE TO REDUCE CRIME AGAINST HERITAGE (ARCH)**

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report to inform Members of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the activity of ARCH and its outcomes be noted by the committee
- 2) the sign up to the Memorandum of Understanding and/or ARCH be agreed.

R.22 **PROGRESS OF THE NEW WASTE SERVICE AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT 2012/13**

The Head of Regulatory Services presented a report to provide Members with a summary of performance and progress made since the implementation of the new recycling and waste collection service which commenced on Monday 4th April 2012, and to update Members regarding a number of other waste management improvements and developments.

The Head of Regulatory Services drew Members attention to the table in para 3.15 showing that recycling has increased by 15%. An amendment was made to the subtotal kerbside refuse and recycling statistics from -515 tonnes and -3.3% change, to +515 tonnes and +3.3% change. The Head of Regulatory Services stated that the council had actually recouped extra savings on what was already anticipated.

Discussion took place around the subject of land fill sites and the transportation of waste.

RESOLVED that the performance of the new waste and recycling service be noted and the ongoing general service developments be supported.

R23. GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON WIND POWER

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report asking Members to consider the arrangements for the preparation of a landscape Capacity Study to provide guidance on renewable wind energy proposals.

The Head of Regulatory Services confirmed that a Supplementary Planning Document cannot be completed for wind energy as it is only the local plan that can inform policy. Members attention was drawn to para 6.1 and 6.5 outlining the legal implications.

Discussion took place regarding the timing of producing an SPD, the importance of objectivity and the policy which can be adopted from the NPPF.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the preparation of a Landscape Capacity Study based on the scope, evidence requirements and timetable be authorised.
- 2) The use of the Corporate Reserve to finance the completion of the document be approved.

R24. STEAM REPORT

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report asking Members to note and comment on the Tourism Scarborough Tourism Economic Activity Monitor (STEAM) report for Melton 2012.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods drew Members attention to para 3.9 stating an overall tourism decrease of 7%. The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that Melton Promotions have been asked to look through the finding and amend their blueprint accordingly, and that this will be brought back to this committee when completed.

A Member asked that the report outlines future actions and the rationale behind these facts.

RESOLVED that the Melton STEAM performance 2012 be noted.

R25. ECONOMIC PLACE PROFILE

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report asking Members to note and comment on the Economic Place Profile report that will be used to refresh the Economic Development Strategy. The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods explained that the Economic Place Profile will be used to refresh the Economic Development Strategy and Strategic Priority.

Discussion took place around the challenge of increasing achievement levels in the education system and how Melton Borough Council can liaise with schools to accomplish this.

RESOLVED that the Economic Place Profile be noted

The meeting which started at 6:30pm finished at 8:25pm

Chairman