



RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

8th January 2014

Present:

Councillor P. Baguley, G.E Botterill, J. Douglas, E. Hutchinson, J. Illingworth, T. Moncrieff, J.T Orson (Chairman), J.B Rhodes.

As Observer

M. Gordon, D.R. Wright, J. Wyatt

Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Head of Central Services,
Head of Regulatory Services, Regulatory Service Manager
Administrative Assistant for Communities and Neighbourhoods.

R40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from M. Sheldon, J. Moulding and E. Holmes

R41. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of the 30th October 2013 were confirmed and authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

R42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

R43. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from other Committees.

R44. UPDATE ON DECISIONS

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted an update on decisions from the previous meeting on the 30th October 2013, which was noted by the Committee.

The Head of Regulatory Services brought Members attention to minute R36 Sainsburys Employment Outcomes from the previous meeting of this

Committee and stated that after looking into the s106 agreement, Sainsburys had complied with all employment and training conditions.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to confirm matter has been resolved with the Member who initially raised the issue.

R45. LANDSCAPE CAPACITY STUDY FOR WIND ENERGY

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report to update Members of the Committee on the progress of the Landscape Capacity study, following the completion of a tendering exercise.

The Head of Regulatory Services explained to Members that an opportunity has arisen for a new joint working approach with Rushcliffe.

Members showed support for this joint approach and Members commented that this should create a more comprehensive policy.

The Head of Regulatory Services clarified that the joint working would require a re-tendering which would delay the progress of the Landscape Capacity Study by 6-8 weeks.

RESOLVED that:

1) an additional supplementary estimate of £9,676 from the Corporate Priorities Reserve be used to fund the additional costs of the Landscape Capacity Study.

2) This work be progressed by The Head of Regulatory Services in partnership with Rushcliffe, if possible, provided this does not cause excessive delay.

R46. FUNDING OF THE S215 NOTICE 'IN DEFAULT' EX MILLWAY FOODS PREMISES, COLSTON LANE, HARBY

The Head of Regulatory Services presented a report to invite Members to consider further action following the service of a S.215 (untidy land) notice in respect of the above derelict premises.

The Head of Regulatory Services drew Members attention to para 5.1 and stated that the supplementary estimate will now be nearer £70,000.

Further discussion took place regarding the site.

Members showed support of the recommendation.

RESOLVED that

1) That the sum of £70,000 be recommended to PFA committee for allocation

as a Supplementary Estimate.

2) The Corporate Property Officer be instructed to carry out a feasibility study on the potential for the Council to offer to purchase the Colston Lane site.

R47. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2013

The Head of Regulatory Services presented a report to inform the Committee of the contents of the Melton Annual Monitoring Report 2013.

Members showed support for the report but asked for some disparities in the figures to be scrutinised.

RESOLVED that

1) The report be noted and the AMR at Appendix 1 be adopted

R48. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

The meeting which started at 6:30pm finished at 7:15pm

Chairman