



A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

27 OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT:-

P.M. Posnett (Chairman)
M.C.R. Graham MBE, S. Dungworth
P.M. Chandler, R. Holt, A. Freer
J. Wyatt, D.R. Wright

As Observer
Councillor Holmes and Slater

Corporate Director (KA)
Head of Social and Economic Development
Chief Accountant, Senior Regeneration Officer
Asset Management Officer
Democracy Officer (DB)

C38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dean and Sheldon.

C39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C40. IMPROVING HOUSING REPAIRS - HOUSING STOCK CONDITION SURVEY

The Head of Social and Economic Development submitted a report (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) to update Members on the findings from the Housing Stock condition survey and to seek approval on the revised Housing Revenue Account capital programme.

Mr E. Diment provided a presentation on the results from the housing stock condition survey. Members noted the presentation.

The Senior Regeneration Officer explained to Members that the Council was looking at the entire voids process, to make it more efficient. Members considered the potential reduction in processing time to be a positive achievement.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Housing Stock Condition Survey Presentation be noted;
- (2) the revised 2010/11 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme be approved;
- (3) the current progress on the Housing Void process be approved.

(Councillor Graham here entered the meeting.)

C41. **REVIEW OF MELTON MOWBRAY TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE SERVICES**

The Corporate Director (KA) submitted a report on behalf of the Head of Street Scene and Environment (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) to inform Members on the current levels of service and availability of public conveniences in Melton Mowbray Town Centre and to report findings from the recent stakeholder and public consultation in 2010.

The following issues were raised and noted by Councillors :-

- It was suggested that the public conveniences at Wilton Road be semi-privatised. The Corporate Director (KA) noted that this could be added to the budget process list
- That it could be a step back in progress to not have the facility open 6 days a week.

Councillor Graham moved option 3c. Councillor Wright was a seconder for this motion. On being put to the vote, the proposal for option 3c was lost with 2 in favour and 6 against.

Councillor Dungworth moved option 3b. Councillor Chandler was a seconder for this motion. On being put to the vote, (option 3b) was carried with 5 in favour and 4 against (the Chairman used her casting vote).

RECOMMENDED that

- (1) Policy, Finance and Administration Committee pursue option 3b (Fully attended with charges to increase to 30p) taking into account the estimated revenue and capital implications for each option and that the toilets at Park Lane were not surplus to requirements;

RESOLVED that

- (1) Officers continue to monitor usage figures and review the public convenience operating hours to minimise operating costs;
- (2) Officers investigate introducing other schemes for Melton Mowbray Town Centre and report their findings back to Members in 2011/12;
- (3) Officers continue to seek opportunities to improve the provision of public conveniences in the town centre by investigating opportunities to work with the private and voluntary sector for new ways of delivering the service

including working with a social enterprise.

(Councillor Chandler here left the meeting.)

C42. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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

C43. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – AUCTION LOTS 2010/2011

The Head of Social and Economic Development and the Head of Street Scene and Environment submitted a joint report (copies of which had previously been sent to Members) to identify properties as surplus to requirements and gain Members approval to dispose of properties at auction in 2010/11 in order to generate much needed capital receipts to boost the Council financial reserves, reinvest in the empty Housing stock and other high profile projects for example Waterfield Leisure Pool.

The following issue was raised and noted by Councillors :-

- that a second valuation be made available for consideration at the next Policy, Finance and Administration Committee.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in the exempt report be approved.

The meeting which commenced at 5.00 p.m, closed at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman