



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

27 June 2012

PRESENT:-

Councillors D.R. Wright (Chairman) V.J. Manderson (Vice Chairman),
E. Holmes, T. Moncrieff, J. Moulding, J. Wyatt.

Corporate Director (KA), Corporate Director (CAM) Chief Accountant, Head of
Communities and Neighbourhoods, Administrative Assistant for Communities and
Neighbourhoods.

C12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rhodes, Graham and Posnett.

C13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Moncrieff declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 5 by virtue of his son working a company stated in the report. Councillor Chandler declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 3 by virtue of her being part of the Grantham Canal partnership.

C14. GRANTHAM CANAL DREDGING REPORT.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report to seek approval from the CSA Committee for a referral to the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee for £22,454 to contribute towards a scheme that will dredge part of Grantham Canal, in order to make it more navigable. The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods clarified that 80% of the project costs money has already been secured, but British Waterways have approached the Council to make up the shortfall in order for the project to proceed.

A Member showed support in moving the recommendation explaining that the area already attracts tourists and will be able to be used by canoeist if the work is carried out.

After Members queries, the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that it cannot be guaranteed that there will not be other requests made. Clarification came from the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stating

that the area for dredging was 1KM as stated in the report, after several Members raised concern about the length of the dredging area and the need to consider support for other projects.

RESOLVED that

The sum of £22,454 from the Corporate Priority reserve be approved for the Grantham Canal Dredging Project, subject to approval from the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee.

C15. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

Councillor Moncrieff left 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.

C16. **HOUSING REPAIRS CONTRACT.**

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report seeking Members approval of the Housing Responsive Repairs and Maintenance Tender report. The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods explained the process that had been followed through the task group, which included Members, TFEC members, Ridge (project managers) and officers.

Members raised concerns about the discounted works and were concerned that this might have an effect on the standard of work that will be delivered. The Corporate Director confirmed that performance maintenance would be in place and performance indicators and monitoring performance would be in place, as with any contract.

RESOLVED that the recommendations be approved following amendments

The meeting which commenced at 6.30p.m, closed at 7:09 p.m.

Chairman