



TOWN AREA COMMITTEE

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

19 OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT:-

Councillors T. Greenow (Chairman),
T. Bains, T. Culley, P. Faulkner, M. Glancy, S. Lumley,
A. Pearson, P.M. Posnett, J. Wyatt

Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Head of Regulatory Services,
Central Services Manager
Committee Support Officer (DS)

T1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beaken, Higgins, Hurrell, Illingworth and Manderson. Councillor Cumbers was also not present.

T2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Pearson and Posnett declared personal interests in any items related to the County Council due to their position as County Councillors.

Prior to beginning the meeting formally, the Chairman here advised that attending the meeting were two sixth-form students who were shadowing Councillor Posnett as part of the Council's Local Democracy Week activities.

T3. BUDGET MONITORING APRIL TO JUNE 2015

The Central Services Manager submitted a report on behalf of the Head of Central Services (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) giving Members an update on the Budget Monitoring between April and June 2015, and prefaced this by advising that this report will become a regular report for the Committee.

The Central Services Manager directed Members to Appendix A which showcased the variances in the Budget, and pointed out that a summary of the income and expenditure for the Town Area Committee's services in comparison to the approved budget at June 2015 was outlined in paragraph 3.3.

The Central Services Manager advised that the forecasted budget of £611,400 would likely be on target for the end of the year.

Councillor Greenow queried which Community Centre budgets fall under the Town Area Committee and was advised by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods that these would be the Children's Centres (The Edge, The Cove and Fairmead) and that the running costs of these centres and their budgets was shared with Leicestershire County Council.

All recommendations were moved by Councillor Pearson and Councillor Culley seconded and on being put to the vote, Members were unanimously in favour.

RESOLVED that the financial position of each of this Committee's services to 30th June 2015 be noted.

T4. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

The Central Services Manager submitted a report on behalf of the Head of Central Services (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) which updated Members on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 30th September 2015.

The Central Services Manager advised that the report provided the forecast outturn and that it was outlined in Appendix A. Members were informed that while there were year to date variances, the overall position for all capital schemes falling within the Town Area Committee's remit were generally in line with the budget and that the majority of spend would be expected towards the later part of the year.

Also attached with the report at Appendix B was the business case for the Demolition of the Thorpe Road Toilets, for which the project mandate had been previously approved for funding in the amount of £11,000.

Members queried the works to be done around the Major Tree Belt around Asfordby Road (embankment) and were advised that the works had been agreed by the Programme Board to come to the Town Area Committee's next meeting.

There were also queries regarding the Melton Country Park Pavilion for which the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods explained that work is still progressing and a Business Case Report is due to come to this Committee's next meeting.

Councillor Lumley enquired about the re-tarmacking of the Melton Country Park Car Park and was informed that the finances for this will come out of the Car Parking Budget and a report is due to go to the Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee.

A Member sought an update with regard to the play equipment and was informed by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods that play equipment for all four sites had been completed and had now been installed and Councillor Greenow commented that the new play equipment at The Crescent is popular with both children and adults.

Councillor Culley reported that she had received complaints regarding some play

equipment which would be further investigated by Officers.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods also informed Members that the schedule of works for the Melton Skate Park is currently weather dependent, but the works are due to be completed within the forecasted timescale.

Councillor Culley queried the use of lighting at the Melton Skate Park and was advised by Councillor Posnett that there would be no lighting fixtures at the Skate Park and this was to do with measures to reduce levels of Anti-Social Behaviour at the site late at night. Councillor Posnett advised Members that many of the young people involved in the project want to see the Skate Park preserved as a clean and positive space for youth in the local community and that they were keen to ensure that it was a safe place.

All recommendations were moved by Councillor Posnett and Councillor Pearson seconded and on being put to the vote, Members were unanimously in favour.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the progress made on each capital scheme be noted as attached in Appendix A;
- (2) the business case for the demolition of Thorpe Road Toilets at Appendix B be approved and recommended to the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee for inclusion in the Capital Programme.

T5. A CORPORATE REVIEW OF CHARGES 2016-17

The Central Services Manager submitted a report on behalf of the Head of Central Services (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) which provided information on the various fees and charges which are made by the Town Area Committee, with the recommendation that these changes would operate from 1st April 2016.

There was only one charge which had come under the remit of the Town Area Committee and this was advised by the Central Services Manager to be Cemetery – Burial Charges for the Purchase of Child Graves (under 1 year).

Due to the sensitive nature of the budget and the topic, Members agreed that the rate charged would remain unchanged.

All recommendations were moved by Councillor Glancy and Councillor Pearson seconded and on being put to the vote, Members were unanimously in favour.

RESOLVED that the Committee determined the level of charges for 2016-17 for the Cemetery item set out in the table attached to the report to be operated from 1st April 2016.

The meeting which commenced at 6.30pm, closed at 6:50pm

Chairman