



RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9th March 2016

Present:

Councillor P. Baguley, G.E Botterill, T. Culley, R. De Burle, L. Higgins, J.T Orson (Chairman), J. B. Rhodes, J. Simpson.

Strategic Director (CAM), Regulatory Services Manager, Central Services Manager, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Corporate Policy Manager, Environmental Protection & Safety Manager, Administrative Assistant for Communities and Neighbourhoods.

R60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Hutchison and Councillor Beaken.

R61. MINUTES

The public and exempt minutes from the 13th January 2016 were authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

R62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rhodes declared a personal and prejudicial pecuniary interest in any item involving the County Council by virtue of him being a County Councillor. Councillor Rhodes stated that he would be leaving the meeting during Item 12 Waste Update and partaking in these discussions at a County level.

Councillor Orson declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in any item relating to the County Council by virtue of him being a County Councillor, and declared that he would be involved in discussions taking place about Item 12 after declaring a pecuniary interest at a County level.

R63. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from other committees.

R64. UPDATE ON DECISIONS

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that the Strategic Car Parking report would be taken to the REEA Ad-Hoc committee on the 17th March 2016 rather than this committee meeting.

The update on decisions was noted by the committee.

R65. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 JANUARY 2016

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to update the committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 31st January 2016.

The Central Services Manager drew members attention to the £656K year-end variance underspend in para 5.2

In reference to para 5.3 Cattle Market, the Strategic Director stated that the LLEP had received notice from government confirming their funding allocations for 2016/17 and the council were now awaiting formal notification and accompanying grant letters directly from LLEP for the Cattle Market project.

RESOLVED that the progress on each capital scheme be noted along with the year-end forecast position.

R66. BUDGET MONITORING APRIL TO DECEMBER 2015

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to provide information on actual expenditure and income incurred on this committees services compared to the latest approved budget for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st December 2015.

The Central Services Manager brought Members attention to para 3.3 and the year end variance underspend of £14,410.

The Central Services Manager outlined the over and under spends in paragraph 3.6.

RESOLVED that the financial position on each of this committee's services to 31st December and year end forecast be noted.

R67. TOWN CENTRE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (TCIM) PILOT

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report to update members on the completion of the Town Centre investment (TCIM) pilot, to review its findings and to consider the feasibility of progressing the TCIM model.

The Corporate Policy Manager reminded Members that Melton had been one of the few towns selected nationally for the pilot to take place and that the pilot is a partnership approach working with local stakeholders including the County Council, BID and the Town Estate.

The Corporate Policy Manager stated that the purpose of the pilot is a long term approach to encouraging local partners to work together to attract investors, seeing return investment back into the town assets.

The Corporate Policy Manager stated that the intention was to bring back a discussion document to this committee in 6 months.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the partners for taking their time to write letters of support for the partnership working.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The findings of the TCIM pilot outlined in sections 3.7, 3.8 and 3.9 of the report be noted
- 2) The next steps provided in section 3.12 of the report be approved.

R68. **EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF BUILDING CONTROL CHARGES**

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report asking Members to consider the introduction of charges for the 3 areas of work carried out by our building control team; applications for demolitions, completion certificate copy requests and applications for street naming and numbering.

The Head of Regulatory Services clarified that paragraph, 3.1.4, 3.2.4 and 3.3.2 outlined the amendments being proposed.

The Head of Regulatory Services also brought to Members attention that the hourly rate calculated to deliver these services is correct at this time and that the charge will be increased on a yearly basis.

A Member asked the Head of Regulatory Services if the completion of certificate copy request includes transportation costs as suggested in the 3.1.4 for the application for demolitions.

The Head of Regulatory Services stated that he would look at costs incurred for this activity and review the charge accordingly.

RESOLVED that the introduction of the charges for demolition applications, completion certificate copy requests and street naming and numbering amendment be approved.

R69. **MELTON- RURAL CAPITAL OF FOOD**

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report about the strategy the council is taking regarding the Food Enterprise Zone (FEZ), Tourism and wider Economic Development Programme and its effect on the boroughs identity as the 'Rural Capital of Food'.

The Chairman requested that the report be attached to the minutes of the community forum meeting for reference.

The Corporate Policy Manager outlined the background of the report and highlighted that the council has secured strong partnerships in support of the FEZ as well as some partnerships that will focus on training and up-skilling initiatives, alongside the health agenda.

Discussion took place about how the council can liaise directly with manufacturers. The Corporate Policy Manager explained that the council can promote directly to local food providers and through the Nations Farmers Union as well as through the cattle market.

The Corporate Policy Manager stated that a paper will be brought back to this committee to update on progress.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The progress and effort being done in the FEZ project and its connection to the Rural Capital of Food brand be noted
- 2) The comprehensiveness of the FEZ and the critical importance of cross-departmental input and cooperation for the project's success be recognised.
- 3) The next steps outlined in the report as initiatives of the FEZ project and wider Tourism Blueprint and Economic Development programme be supported, endorsed and championed.

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 Paragraphs 1 and 2.

Councillor Rhodes left the meeting due to an interest in this item.

R70. **WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE MARCH 2016**

RESOLVED that the recommendations 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 be approved

The meeting that started at 6:30pm finished at 7:55pm.

Chairman