



RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2nd November 2016

Present:

Councillors J. Orton (Chairman), P. Baguley, G. Boterill, T. Culley, R. De Burle, M. Graham (substitute L. Higgins, P. Posnett, M. Sheldon, J. Simpson, J. Wyatt (observer)

Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Central Services Manager, Strategic Director (CAM), Corporate Property Officer, Administrative Assistant for Communities and Neighbourhoods.

R28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T. Beaken.

R29. MINUTES

Amendments to the previous minutes of the 31st August 2016 :

- 1) Councillor J. Orson was Chair at this meeting
- 2) At agenda point R26 – Adoption of the Annual Monitoring Report, Cllr Orson left the meeting and Cllr Hutchinson Chaired.

R30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Orson and Councillor Posnett declared a personal interest in any item relating to the County Council by virtue of them being County Councillors. Councillor Posnett declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 Revenue Budget 2017-18 Committees' Estimate – Appendix B, Waste.

R31. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from other committees.

R32. UPDATE ON DECISIONS

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted an update on decision report that was noted by the Members of this committee.

RESOLVED that:

Item 1 – R22 Corporate Review of Charges 2017/2018, resident permit schemes - be taken to the Community and Social Affairs Committee in January 2017.

Item 2 R22 Corporate Review of Charges /2018, Review of the current free charges relating to car parks – be brought back to this Committee in March 2017

Item 3 – R12 Urgent Business, Persimmon access to the Country Park - be brought back to this Committee in January 2017

R33. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 30 September 2016.

The Central Services Manager brought Members' attention to Appendix A which outlines the progress made on each capital scheme. Paragraph 5.2 summarises the overall position for all capital schemes falling within this Committee with particular attention brought to the Environmental Maintenance Vehicle service and the Cattle Market – Improvements to Access (health and safety)

RESOLVED that Members agreed to the updates on progress.

R34. REVENUE BUDGET 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ESTIMATES

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to inform members on the latest position of this Committee's revenue budget estimates.

The Central Services Manager drew Members' attention to paragraph 3.5 in particular to the Waste Management shortfall being not as large as first thought due to current values now lower than when budgeted and the Local Plan additional expenditure – advising that this is a one-off payment.

Councillor Posnett left the meeting at this point due to a Declaration of Interest.

A Member drew attention to 'Appendix B Emergency Planning' querying why there is no Employee costs', the Central Services Manager advised that there is a shared officer across Leicestershire not employed by Melton Borough Council, a shared governance role.

The Strategic Director advised the implication of changes is budgeted by County for 2018/19 not in the current budget for 2017/18.

A Member put forward that in 3.7 the estimated figure for the Local Plan of £101,360 seems low.

Councillor Posnett returned to the meeting.

The Central Services Manager advised that the Local Plan has an allocation of specific money which is put into a reserve if not used, which keeps the reserve account topped up. A review has been undertaken to assess the requirements of the local plan reserve going forward of which the annual allocation has deemed to be sufficient. The one-off growth bid is to support the local plan delivery in line with the agreed timescales for funding over and above the annual allocation

RESOLVED that the Recommendations be approved by Members.

R35. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016 - 2021

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to determine the Committee's Capital Programme for 2016-21 based on a review of spending in the current year's programme and schemes included in the programme for later years

The Central Services Manager drew Members' attention to Appendix A, summary of charges and point 3.2.2 – Changes to Programme, highlighting:

- 1) The removal of the Lighting on the Burton Road Bridge.
- 2) The revised proposed funding for the Cattle Market Phase 1, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- 3) A new mandate for the Cattle Market Car Park to be submitted to this committee at a later date.

RESOLVED that the Recommendations be approved by Members.

R36. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent business items.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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

R37 CATTLE MARKET UPDATE

The Strategic Director (CAM) to present a report updating members relating to the Cattle Market Phase 1 proposed re-development..

The meeting that started at 6:30pm finished at 7:24pm

Chairman