



Meeting **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Date **Wednesday, 20th June 2012 at 10:30am**

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Kay Cutts (Chairman)
Martin Suthers OBE (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair	Philip Owen
Joyce Bosnjak	Alan Rhodes
Richard Butler	Kevin Rostance
Steve Carroll	June Stendall
John Clarke	Andy Stewart
John Cottee	Brian Wombwell
Richard Jackson	Martin Wright
Stan Heptinstall MBE	A Jason Zadrozny
Mick Murphy	

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Eric Kerry
Councillor John Knight
Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carl Bilbey	(Policy Planning & Corporate Services)
Mick Burrows	(Chief Executive)
Martin Done	(Policy Planning & Corporate Services)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Policy Planning & Corporate Services)
Matt Garrard	(Policy Planning & Corporate Services)
Chris Holmes	(Democratic Services)
Nicola McCoy-Brown	(Policy Planning & Corporate Services)
Celia Morris	(Policy Planning & Corporate Services)
Paul Simpson	(Environment & Resources)
Michelle Welsh	(Policy Planning & Corporate Services)

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd May 2012 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jason Zadrozny (personal)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor John Cottee declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 Proposals for Sherwood Forest Regional Park as he was a member of a number of organisations on the Shadow Regional Park Board.

Councillor Martin Suthers OBE declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 Proposals for Sherwood Forest Regional Park as he was the secretary of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

FILM FRIENDLY PARTNERSHIP CHARTER

RESOLVED 2012/009

That agreement be given to the Council signing up to the Film Friendly Partnership Charter, and where appropriate, financial contributions be sought.

PROPOSALS FOR SHERWOOD FOREST REGIONAL PARK

Consideration was given to a report updating members on the establishment of the Sherwood Forest Regional Park.

Reference was made to the proposed boundaries of the Park and whether parts of Broxtowe could be included. Comment was also made about having other district council representation and a city council representative on the shadow Board. It was explained that meetings with district council's were being arranged to seek their involvement and attempts had been made to involve the city council. It was suggested that further discussions take place concerning the boundary. Reports back on the development of the regional park would be considered by the Culture Committee.

It was suggested that Councillor Richard Butler the Chairman of the Environment & Sustainability Committee be added to the membership of the Shadow Regional Park Board.

RESOLVED 2012/010

- 1) That the work to date on proposals for establishing a Sherwood Forest Regional Park be noted.
- 2) That support for the process of Regional Park designation be approved.
- 3) That the vision and objectives for the proposed Regional Park be endorsed.
- 4) That the Chairman of the Environment & Sustainability Committee be added to the membership of the Shadow Regional Park Board.

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATE

RESOLVED 2012/011

That the Improvement Programme Annual Report for 2011/12 and the arrangements for developing the Council's Improvement Programme be noted.

DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2011/12

RESOLVED 2012/012

That the Annual Governance Statement 2011/12 be endorsed.

PROPOSAL FOR A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANNUAL SATISFACTION SURVEY

Consideration was given to a report on undertaking an annual satisfaction survey to gather information on public perceptions of value for money, communication, quality of life, and health and wellbeing from the Council's public services.

RESOLVED 2012/013

That approval be given to:-

- 1) The undertaking of an annual satisfaction survey
- 2) The selection of the supplier by an approved procurement method.
- 3) The entry into a contract with the selected supplier subject to approval of the contract price by the Leader, Deputy Leader, Chair of Finance & Property and the Corporate Director Policy, Planning and Corporate Services.

STATEMENT ON THE COMMUNITY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE

Consideration was given to a report which set out the proposed procedure for the Community Right to Challenge. It was noted that all expressions of interest would be considered by the Policy Committee.

RESOLVED 2012/014

- 1) That the Community Right to Challenge procedure as set out in the appendix to the report be approved.
- 2) That the procedure be reviewed within 12 months.

UPDATE ON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL BROADBAND PLAN

A report was considered which gave an update on progress with the Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan.

It was explained that the position regarding the circa £867k European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding application remains fluid and has a lengthy history. The current East Midlands Regional Programme does not provide for broadband infrastructure to be paid for in general, which is leading to difficulties in securing ERDF resources to match the BDUK programme, even though the UK Government has said that it wants this to happen. The County Council is experiencing a number of difficulties in securing approval to the broadband project, even though the other Government Department involved has identified ERDF as an appropriate source of match funding. These issues clearly require greater coordination and joint working between different Government Departments.

RESOLVED 2012/015

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That the Leader of the Council write to Ed Vaizey MP to underline the Council's concerns about delays to the broadband programme.

WORK PROGRAMME

A report on the committees proposed work programme for 2012/13 was considered. It was suggested that an update on broadband be included in the programme.

RESOLVED 2012/016

That the Committee's work programme be noted and progress on broadband be included.

The meeting closed at 11.20am.

CHAIRMAN

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