

minutes

Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday, 13th February 2013 at 10:30am

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Caroline Baria	(Adult, Social Care, Health and Public Protection)
Carl Bilbey	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
David Ebbage	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Tim Gregory	(Environment & Resources)
Chris Holmes	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Marie Lewis	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Celia Morris	(Policy, Planning & Resources)
David Pearson	(Deputy Chief Executive)
Paul Simpson	(Environment & Resources)
Anna Vincent	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Michelle Welsh	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Claire Yau	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th January 2013 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Joyce Bosnjak (Illness).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts declared a private non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 11 - Fair Price for Care – Older Persons Care Home Fees as her son in law was an accountant and works for a care home.

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EXPERIENCE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Jenifer Spencer gave a presentation on the organisation's new marketing campaigns for the area. She told members that Experience Nottinghamshire will have access to £400,000 from Visit England between 2012-13 and 2014-15 to design and deliver new marketing campaigns to increase the number of visitors to the County. She also set out the context of the value of the visitor economy to Nottinghamshire and its wider potential for growth.

RESOLVED 2013/019

That the presentation from Experience Nottinghamshire be welcomed.

D2N2 LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED 2013/020

- 1) That the creation of the D2N2 Local Transport Body as a voluntary non-statutory organisation and the submission of Department for Transport governance and assurance proposals based on the principles set out in the report be supported.
- 2) That the Leader and Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee represent the County Council on the D2N2 Local Transport Body as set out in the report and that the Vice-Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee or other Member deputise as necessary and;
- 3) That it be noted that the decisions regarding major transport schemes for Nottinghamshire will continue to be determined by the County Council.

REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS - 2013-14

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2013/14 TO 2016/17

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013/14 TO 2016/17

COUNCIL TAX PROPOSALS 2013/14

RESOLVED 2013/021

That the report be prepared for County Council on 28th February 2013 based on the budget proposals and Council Tax freeze referred to in the report.

Councillors Steve Carroll, Alan Rhodes, Ken Rigby and Brian Wombwell asked for their abstention in the vote to be recorded in the minutes.

DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2013 - 2018

RESOLVED 2013/022

- 1) That the content of the Draft Police & Crime Plan be noted and the seven strategic priority themes set out in paragraph 3 of the report be supported.
- 2) That Council do not support the Commissioner's pledge to 'Campaign against Government funding cuts to Nottinghamshire's Police Budget' and do not support increasing council tax or the police precept, as this Council believes the key themes and aims of the Police & Crime Plan should be delivered in a way that is affordable by the public in this challenging economic climate.
- 3) That the Police Commissioner be called on to set more specific targets to measure delivery of the aims and objectives set out in the Police & Crime Plan be noted.

Councillor Steve Carroll, Alan Rhodes and June Stendall asked for their vote against the motion to be recorded in the minutes.

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICE UPDATE

RESOLVED 2013/023

That the existing service delivery be improved in the short term to ensure full cost recovery and best value for money.

BEST USE OF COUNCIL-OWNED DIGITAL SCREENS

RESOLVED 2013/024

That the use of digital screens for advertising by sourcing a single supplier and testing the market for 1 year be formalised to inform future income generation strategy and a suitable business model that will ensure the greatest possible return for the Council.

ESTABLISHING A SENIOR ACCOUNT OFFICER (COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING) TO WORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH

RESOLVED 2013/025

The establishment of a Senior Account Officer at Hay Band C, funded by Public Health be approved.

FAIR PRICE FOR CARE – OLDER PERSONS CARE HOME FEES

An addendum for the report had been circulated setting out a response of concerns raised by the Nottinghamshire Care Association.

RESOLVED 2013/026

- (1) That the findings of the local Fair Price for Care consultation process and the fee proposals arising from this be noted.
- (2) That the new fee structure as recommended by the Adult Social Care and Health Committee be approved.
- (3) That the application of an index related inflation formula, to be applied annually, to independent sector older persons' care home fees with effect from April 2014 be approved.
- (4) That the review and revision of the criteria for determining dementia placements to focus on those service users where their primary need for residential or nursing care is dementia be approved
- (5) That the development of new processes to help improve the quality of care, with particular focus on dementia care be approved, including;
 - a) Implementation of higher level of fees to providers who are able to evidence high quality dementia care
 - b) Development and implementation of 'Beacon Status' award to providers who can evidence excellent care services

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2013/027

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

CHAIRMAN
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