

minutes

Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday, 12th December 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		Ken Rigby
	Steve Carroll		Kevin Rostance
	John Clarke	A	June Stendall
	John Cottee		Andy Stewart
	Richard Jackson		Brian Wombwell
A	Stan Heptinstall MBE		Martin Wright
	Mick Murphy		

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mick Burrows	(Chief Executive)
Carl Bilbey	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Matt Dodd	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
David Ebbage	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Martin Done	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Keith Ford	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Marie Lewis	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Nigel Stevenson	(Environment & Resources)
Michelle Welsh	(Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th November 2012 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor June Stendall (Apologies submitted – other reasons) and Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE (Apologies submitted – other reasons).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Richard Jackson declared a private interest in agenda item 5 – Local Authority Mortgage Scheme as a property owner who had rented out residential properties, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor John Clarke declared a private interest in agenda item 5 – Local Authority Mortgage Scheme due to his involvement in the Gedling Borough Council Mortgage Scheme, and left the meeting for that item.

SHARED LIVES - UPDATE

RESOLVED 2012/055

- 1) That the progress made to develop the Shared Lives Service be approved;
- 2) That the Shared Lives Service Policy be approved;
- 3) That a report on the implementation of the Policy be reported to the adult Social Care and Health Committee in due course.

LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE SCHEME

RESOLVED 2012/056

- 1) That the County Council's involvement in the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS) to the sum of £15 million, which would be drawn down in a number of tranches, be approved.
- 2) That Lloyds Bank be appointed the initial financial partner with an initial investment of £2 million;
- 3) That the Corporate Director for Environment & Resources, in consultation with the Corporate Director for Policy, Planning & Corporate Services and the Section 151 Officer, be authorised to appoint further financial institutions who had registered for LAMS, as deemed appropriate, and to arrange the further deposit of funds as required (including possible further deposits with Lloyds Bank);
- 4) That the LAMS be adopted in accordance with the outline provided within this report and that the following arrangements be approved:-
 - a. A total indemnity value of £15 million, which would be drawn in a number of tranches;
 - b. A maximum loan size for the authority of £142,500;

- c. The qualifying post codes would be provided to the Lender in a schedule to the indemnity deed;
- 5) That the Corporate Director for Environment & Resources be authorised to take all action and/or decisions he considered necessary to give effect to any matter relating to the proper functioning of the LAMS;
- 6) That approval be given to the County Council indemnifying the Monitoring Officer in respect of any personal liability incurred by providing an opinion and providing the Lender with the Opinion Letter in relation to each and every Scheme that the Council enters into;
- 7) That progress on the scheme be presented to a future meeting of Finance and Property Committee.

POLICY STATEMENT FOR SCHOOLS

RESOLVED 2012/057

That the revised Policy Statement for Schools be approved.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISCRETIONARY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WELFARE ASSISTANCE SCHEME

RESOLVED 2012/058

- 1) That the Discretionary Nottinghamshire Local Welfare Assistance Scheme Policy and the proposal to establish a Nottinghamshire Local Welfare Assistance Scheme be approved;
- 2) That the procurement of a third party organisation to provide a managed service for the delivery of the Scheme, in accordance with the approach outline in the Committee report, be approved;
- 3) That the use of the full £2.1million Central Government allocation to fund the Nottinghamshire Local Welfare Assistance Scheme and to develop longer term solutions be approved;
- 4) That, taking into account the tight deadlines described in the Committee report, the Service Director for Promoting Independence and Public Protection in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Service Director of Finance and Procurement and the Group Manager Legal Services, take the following decisions:-
 - sign-off the service specification for the Nottinghamshire Local Welfare Assistance Scheme;
 - award the contract;
 - determine the terms and conditions upon which the contract will be awarded;

- such other action which is considered necessary to achieve the outcomes outlined in the Committee report;
- 5) That the Service Director for Promoting Independence and Public Protection report to the Policy Committee on the first six months of operation and proposals for operation beyond April 2014.

PUBLICATION OF REVISED PROPOSALS FOR NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

RESOLVED 2012/059

That the decision not to submit any comments to the Commission on their proposals be noted.

Councillors Joyce Bosnjak, Steve Carroll, John Clarke and Alan Rhodes voted against the above resolution.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND PROCEDURE

RESOLVED 2012/060

- 1) That the Social Media Policy be approved;
- 2) That the importance of social media, as highlighted in the presentation to Committee, be noted;
- 3) That the Council's Communication and Marketing service provide a six-monthly report on social media usage to Policy Committee.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2012/061

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.36 am.

CHAIRMAN
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