

Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 10:30am

**membership**

Persons absent are marked with `A`

**COUNCILLORS**

Alan Rhodes (Chairman)  
Joyce Bosnjak (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair  
Sheila Place  
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE  
Glynn Gilfoyle  
Kevin Greaves  
Stan Heptinstall MBE  
Richard Jackson  
David Kirkham  
John Knight

Diana Meale  
Phillip Owen  
John Peck  
Ken Rigby  
Martin Suthers OBE  
Gail Turner  
Stuart Wallace  
Muriel Weisz

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Roy Allan  
Councillor Pauline Allan  
Councillor Alan Bell  
Councillor Nikki Brooks  
Councillor Steve Calvert

Councillor Steve Carrol  
Councillor Kate Foale  
Councillor Liz Plant  
Councillor John Wilkinson

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May

Chief Executive

Carl Bilbey  
Martin Done  
Keith Ford  
Jayne Francis-Ward  
Jo Kirkby  
Celia Morris  
Catherine Munro  
Michelle Welsh

Resources

Sue Batty  
Cherry Dunk  
Gill Vasilevskis

Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 July 2015, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The following temporary change in membership, for this meeting only, was reported to the Committee:-

- Councillor Sheila Place replaced Councillor Jim Creamer

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None

**POLICY AND PROCESS GUIDANCE FOR DISCRETIONARY PAYMENTS TOWARDS THE PROVISION OF MAJOR ADAPTATION TO SERVICE USERS' HOMES****RESOLVED: 2015/045**

That the proposed policy and process guidance document to support and manage discretionary payments towards the cost of major adaptations in a service user's own home, where recommended adaptation works exceed the government's mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) of £30,000, be approved.

**DIRECT PAYMENTS POLICY****RESOLVED: 2015/046**

- 1) That the proposed Direct Payments policy be approved.
- 2) That work commence on developing procedural guidance for staff, including where recoupment of funds may be required in any case where there has been a misuse of funds.

**PERFORMANCE REPORTING ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-18 AND REDEFINING YOUR COUNCIL****RESOLVED: 2015/047**

- 1) That the arrangements for performance reporting and the consequential changes required to the Strategic Plan be approved.
- 2) That a Cross Party Project Steering Group be established with an agreed membership of 8, being made up of 4 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent Group, with nominations to the Steering Group to be sought from the Groups' Business Managers.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER 2015**

**RESOLVED: 2015/048**

That the contents of the report be noted.

**COUNTY COUNCILS NETWORK SUMMIT AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015**

**RESOLVED: 2015/049**

That approval be given for the Leader, Deputy Leader, Leader of the Main Opposition Group and the Chief Executive to attend the County Councils Network Summit and Annual Conference in Guildford, Surrey from 15-17 November 2015, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.

**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED: 2015/050**

That the following Boards be added to the Council's Outside Bodies appointment list (with the named Members being the Council's initial appointees to these bodies):-

- a) Rushcliffe Borough Council Strategic Growth Board – Councillor Diana Meale to be appointed.
- b) Cotgrave Local Growth Board – Cllr Richard Butler to be appointed.

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts requested that her abstention from the vote on the above resolution be recorded.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

During discussions, Members requested that future work programme reports clarify any changes to scheduling that had occurred between meetings.

**RESOLVED: 2015/051**

That the work programme be updated and revised as discussed.

The meeting closed at 10.55am

CHAIRMAN