Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	Communities Committee
Date	15 September 2021 (commencing at 10:30 am)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Cottee (Chairman)
Tom Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Mike Adams
Pauline Allan
Sinead Anderson **A**
Stephen Garner **A**
Glynn Gilfoyle
Sue Saddington
Jonathan Wheeler
Daniel Williamson
Elizabeth Williamson

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Chris Barnfather.

OTHER COUNTY COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Keith Girling.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mick Allen	-	Place Department
Rob Fisher	-	Place Department
Derek Higton	-	Place Department
John Hughes	-	Place Department
Fiona Needham	-	Place Department
Adrian Smith	-	Place Department
Mark Walker	-	Place Department
Noel McMenamin	-	Chief Executive's Department

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2021, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sinead Anderson – Other.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Elizabeth Williamson declared an interest in Item 6 'Progress Developing a Covid Partnership Social Fund and Community Hub Food Plan Fund' as the organiser of Brinsley Food Bank, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

4 HOLME PIERREPONT COUNTRY PARK REVISED OPERATING MODEL

RESOLVED 2021/012

That the following be approved:

(1) The voluntary ending of the Contract arrangement with Holme Pierrepont Leisure Trust (HPLT), and a direct arrangement being entered into between Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) and Serco Leisure Operating Limited (SLOL) for delivery of the services currently provided through the HPLT;

(2) the Corporate Director, Place (or his nominee) be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Group Manager for Legal Services and the Section 151 Officer to agree and finalise the terms of the commercial legal arrangements required to put in place a direct arrangement with SLOL subject to the approval, in line with the Constitution, of any land and property agreements which are required between the parties;

(3) Termination of the Direct Agreement subject to and upon the ending of the contract arrangement with HPLT, which is then not relevant given the direct relationship that is proposed between NCC and SLOL;

(4) Further work being undertaken to identify the most cost effective way of delivering the service in the future and to identify any additional costs in 2022/23 and future years.

5. LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND

During debate, an amendment was moved and seconded to add to the 3 published recommendations a Recommendation 4 to read as follows:

'That Committee:

(4) approves that a feasibility study be instigated into establishing a Talented Artists Programme in 2022/2023, with a budget of £50,000, to encourage and provide support for and coming artists wish to pursue studies within music, fashion, performance and visual arts, in line with the proposed approach to supporting athletes through the Talented Athletes Programme.'

Following debate, the requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 2 Members voted **'For'** the amendment:

Councillor Daniel Williamson
Councillor Elizabeth Williamson

The following 8 Members voted **'Against'** the amendment:

Councillor Mike Adams
Councillor Pauline Allan
Councillor Chris Barnfather
Councillor John Cottee
Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle
Councillor Tom Smith
Councillor Sue Saddington
Councillor Jonathan Wheeler

No Members **abstained** from the vote.

The published recommendations were then considered and it was:

RESOLVED 2021/013

That the following be approved:

1) the Local Communities Fund Scheme proposals, including the names, timescales and features as set out in the report;

2) the launch of the Local Communities Fund, including a Talented Athletes element for 2021-22, based on the timetable outlined in paragraph 20 to the report;

3) the increase of the allocation of funding for the Talented Athletes Programme to £50k for this financial year.

6. PROGRESS ON DEVELOPING COVID PARTNERSHIP RECOVERY FUND AND COMMUNITY HUB FOOD PLAN FUND

RESOLVED 2021/014

That the following be approved:

1) the key principles outlined in the report for the governance and distribution of both funds;

2) the allocation of £50k to a small projects element for both funds to distribute to pilot projects during the autumn of 2021, such small project grants to be awarded and distributed at the sole discretion of the Local Resilience Forum's Humanitarian Assistance Group.

7. SUPPORTING OUR ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY STRATEGY

RESOLVED 2021/015

That the following be approved:

1) the 'Supporting Our Armed Forces Strategy' as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report;

2) the establishment of a new 1.0 FTE Band B Programme Officer post in the Communities Team of the Trading Standards and Communities Services;

3) the establishment of a £20k Armed Forces Community Budget to support the delivery of the work programme and a request for an annual allocation of £20k be submitted to Finance Committee.

8. CATERING AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT – SPECIALIST EXTERNAL ADVISOR SUPPORT

RESOLVED 2021/016

That the engagement of CIPFA C.Co in undertaking an options analysis, and subsequently developing a full business case for the future operating model for catering and facilities management services be approved, for further consideration by the Committee in early 2022:

9. REGISTRATION SERVICE FEES FROM 2022-2023 TO 2025-2026

RESOLVED 2021/017

That the Schedule of Registration Services fees set out at Appendix A to the report be approved.

10. UPDATE ON KEY EMERGENCY PLANNING MATTERS

During debate, it was agreed that information would be provided to Committee members on the areas where Flood Signage Schemes were in place.

RESOLVED 2021/018

That:

1) subject to the above action, no further actions were required in relation to the issues contained in the report;

2) the Committee receive further updates periodically.

11. TOUR OF BRITAIN 2022

RESOLVED 2021/019

That:

1) the County Council hosting a Nottinghamshire stage of the 2022 Tour of Britain event be approved;

2) the delegation of authority to the Corporate Director, Place (or his nominee), in consultation with the Group Manager for Legal Services and the s151 Officer, to agree and finalise the terms the draft contractual agreement between the County Council and the Tour of Britain be approved;

3) Finance Committee be requested to approve allocations from contingency of £100,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23.

12. WORK PROGRAMME

It was explained that the Work Programme was subject to additions, amendments and deletions in response to emerging and shifting priorities on an ongoing basis.

RESOLVED 2021/020

That, subject to considering an item on Funding the Arts Sector in Nottinghamshire at a future meeting, the Committee's work programme be agreed.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 am

Chairman