

minutes

Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday, 18th September 2013 at 10:30am

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

Reg Adair
Jim Creamer
Kay Cutts
Glynn Gilfoyle
Kevin Greaves
Stan Heptinstall MBE
Richard Jackson
David Kirkham
John Knight

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Roy Allan
Councillor Andrew Brown
Councillor Nicki Brooks
Councillor Richard Butler
Councillor Steve Calvert
Councillor Steve Carroll
Councillor Alice Grice
Councillor Kate Foale

Councillor Darren Langton
Councillor Sybil Fielding
Councillor Sheila Place
Councillor Liz Plant
Councillor John Wilkinson
Councillor Yvonne Woodhead
Councillor Liz Yates

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carl Bilbey (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Mick Burrows (Chief Executive)
Martin Done (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
David Ebbage (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Keith Ford (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Jayne Francis-Ward (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Matthew Garrard (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Tim Gregory (Environment & Resources)

Jo Kirkby (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Anthony May (Children, Families & Cultural Services)
Gill Thackrey (Children, Families & Cultural Services)
Marjorie Toward (Environment & Resources)
Michelle Welsh (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)
Clare Yau (Policy, Planning & Corporate Services)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The following changes to the membership were reported:-

Councillor Stuart Wallace had been reappointed in place of Councillor Richard Butler
Councillor John Peck had been reappointed in place of Councillor Liz Plant.
Councillor Jim Creamer had been reappointed in place of Councillor John Wilkinson.
Councillor Ken Rigby has been appointed in place of Councillor Jason Zadrozny.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17th July 2013 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

STRATEGIC PLAN 2014 - 2018

RESOLVED 2013/059

- 1) That the draft Strategic Plan be agreed for public consultation
- 2) That the draft Strategic Plan be reviewed following public consultation and presented to a future meeting for approval.

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

RESOLVED 2013/060

That the Strategic Management Framework be agreed.

PAYMENT OF THE LIVING WAGE

Following a debate the recommendations were put to members and after a show of hands the Chairman indicated that it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 10 Members voted '**For**' the motion.

'FOR'

Joyce Bosnjak
Jim Creamer
Kevin Greaves
Glynn Gilfoyle
David Kirkham

John Knight
Diana Meale
John Peck JP
Alan Rhodes
Muriel Weisz

The following 8 Members voted '**Against**' the motion.

'AGAINST'

Reg Adair
Kay Cutts
Richard Jackson
Philip Owen

Ken Rigby
Martin Suthers OBE
Gail Turner
Stuart Wallace

Stan Heptinstall MBE abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED 2013/061

- 1) That the payment of the Living Wage to centrally employed staff be agreed with effect from 1st April 2014 as set out in the report.
- 2) That the position in relation to schools be the subject of further discussion with individual schools and via the Schools Forum with a view to consideration of the adoption of the Living Wage by individual school governing bodies.
- 3) That further work be undertaken on the wider employee benefits and rewards package, including consultation with the recognised trade unions, for consideration by Personnel Committee at a future meeting.

STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SAVING - UPDATE

RESOLVED 2013/062

- 1) That the switching back of street lights (reversal of part night lighting schemes) where supported by the local County Councillor and Chair of Transport & Highways Committee, be approved.
- 2) That the continued introduction of dimming, following consultation with partners in road safety and crime reduction be approved.

- 3) That the use of dimmable LED lights wherever appropriate be approved.

COMBINED AUTHORITIES – CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A COMBINED AUTHORITY FOR THE AREAS OF BARNSLEY, DONCASTER, ROTHERHAM AND SHEFFIELD

RESOLVED 2013/063

- 1) That a response to the consultation be sent to the Government in accordance with the analysis set out in the report.
- 2) That the development of a response be delegated to the Corporate Director for Policy, Planning & Corporate Services in consultation with the Leader.
- 3) That a copy of the final response be circulated to all Committee members.

BUDGET CONSULTATION 2014/2015

RESOLVED 2013/064

- 1) That the consultation strategy as detailed in the report be approved.
- 2) That the programme timetable for the 2014/15 budget consultation be noted.

INCOME GENERATION THROUGH ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP

RESOLVED 2013/065

- 1) That the benefits and challenges around the maximisation of income generation through advertising and sponsorship be noted.
- 2) That the one-Council approach to income generation through advertising and sponsorship be approved.
- 3) That the commencement of work to achieve income through the channels outlined in paragraph 20 above, in order to begin to build a foundation to achieve the income generation targets as set out in paragraph 8 be approved.
- 4) That a further report on income generation be brought to Policy Committee in April 2014.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND PROCEDURE: SIX MONTHS ON

RESOLVED 2013/066

- 1) That the six-monthly report on social media and the increase in usage and engagement be noted.
- 2) That the controlled expansion of social media usage within service areas through the use of appropriate digital tools be approved as outlined in the report.

DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL TO PREFERRED SCHOOLS

Following a debate the recommendations were put to members and after a show of hands the Chairman indicated that it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 10 Members voted '**For**' the motion.

'FOR'

Joyce Bosnjak
Jim Creamer
Kevin Greaves
Glynn Gilfoyle
David Kirkham

John Knight
Diana Meale
John Peck JP
Alan Rhodes
Muriel Weisz

The following 7 Members voted '**Against**' the motion.

'AGAINST'

Reg Adair
Kay Cutts
Richard Jackson
Philip Owen

Ken Rigby
Martin Suthers OBE
Stuart Wallace

Stan Heptinstall MBE abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED 2013/067

- 1) That the Discretionary Travel Scheme for children travelling to preferred schools in Nottinghamshire be stopped with effect from September 2014
- 2) That qualifying children and young people currently within the scheme or due to enter in in September 2013 continue to benefit from free travel until they reach statutory school leaving age in year 11.

OUTCOMES FROM THE COMPLAINTS PROCESS – APRIL 2012 TO MARCH 2013

RESOLVED 2013/068

That the contents of the report be noted.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND DATA QUALITY POLICY

RESOLVED 2013/069

That the Information management and data quality policy be approved.

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) FOR MEMBERS –
REPORT OF COSTS**

RESOLVED 2013/070

That the costs of post-election 2013 ICT provision for Members be noted.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND FURTHER
ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

RESOLVED 2013/071

- 1) That it be noted that a further electoral review of Nottinghamshire will be carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission be noted.
- 2) That a cross Party Member Project Steering Group comprising Leader and Deputy Leader, Chairman of Finance and Property Committee, Business Manager Majority Group, Leader of the Conservative Group, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and the Leader of the Independent Group be established to consider issues around the review prior to their consideration by Policy Committee/Full Council.
- 3) That the Corporate Director for Policy Planning & Corporate Services be authorised to make arrangements for procuring additional specialist assistance to support the process, following consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2013/072

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 1.50 pm.

CHAIRMAN

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