

Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday 17 June 2015 at 10:30am

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

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

Reg Adair
Richard Butler
John Cottee
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Kevin Greaves
Stan Heptinstall MBE
David Kirkham
John Knight
Diana Meale

Phillip Owen
John Peck JP
Liz Plant
Ken Rigby
Martin Suthers OBE
Pam Skelding
Gail Turner
Muriel Weisz

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

Councillor Kate Foale
Councillor Alice Grice
Councillor Sheila Place
Councillor John Wilkinson
Councillor Yvonne Woodhead

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May

Chief Executive

David Pearson

Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection

Sara Allmond
Martin Done
Carl Bembridge
Catherine Munro
Michelle Welsh

} Policy, Planning & Corporate Services

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 May 2015, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence had been received from Cllr Gail Turner.

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

- Cllr Pam Skelding had replaced Cllr Jim Creamer;
- Cllr Liz Plant had replaced Cllr Glynn Gilfoyle;
- Cllr John Cottee had replaced Cllr Richard Jackson;
- Cllr Richard Butler had replaced Cllr Stuart Wallace.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Anthony May, Chief Executive, declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 – Visit to China and Malaysia, and left the meeting for the duration of that item.

REVISED COUNTER-FRAUD AND COUNTER-CORRUPTION POLICY AND STRATEGY, AND FRAUD RESPONSE PLAN

RESOLVED: 2015/029

That the revised counter-fraud and counter-corruption policy and strategy, and the fraud response plan, be adopted.

LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS STRATEGY 2015-18

RESOLVED: 2015/030

That the proposed Looked after Children and Care Leavers Strategy 2015-18, attached as an appendix to the report, be approved.

CHANGES TO DEFERRED PAYMENT SCHEME POLICY INCLUDING INTRODUCTION OF CHARGES, TO BECOME THE UNIVERSAL DEFERRED PAYMENT SCHEME POLICY

RESOLVED: 2015/031

That the Universal Deferred Payment Scheme policy, attached as an appendix to the report, be approved.

DIGITAL FIRST UPDATE: SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY & NEW WEBSITE TESTING

Carl Bembridge, Digital Design Officer, gave a presentation to the Committee outlining the aims and process of developing the Council's website.

Following Members' discussions about the proposed relaxation of social media access for Council employees, the Leader, in moving the recommendations, proposed an amendment to recommendations 4 & 5, replacing them with a single recommendation as per Resolution 4 below.

RESOLVED: 2015/032

- 1) That the progress made and approach to delivering a new customer-centric website be noted.
- 2) That the strategic approach outlined regarding Social Media be approved.

- 3) That a social media plan be developed and put into action with regular progress reports on the Digital First blog.
- 4) That the social media policy be updated to reflect the new strategy and be brought back to Policy Committee for approval in October 2015, and for this new policy to include a section detailing how social media access for employees would be relaxed and how this approach would be implemented (including monitoring and management arrangements to mitigate against the potential for abuse).

VISIT TO CHINA AND MALAYSIA

Anthony May, Chief Executive, declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

RESOLVED: 2015/033

- 1) That the Chief Executive accept the invitation to represent the County Council on the visit to China and Malaysia.
- 2) That details of contacts and opportunities be reported to Economic Development Committee for follow up action.
- 3) That a report be brought back to Policy Committee within 12 months of the visit return date to consider the benefits from the visit and the merits of any future visits.

NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE 2015

RESOLVED: 2015/034

- 1) That approval is given for the Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee and the Vice-Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Bournemouth from 14-16 October 2015, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.
- 2) That the outcomes of the conference be reported to the Adult Social Care & Health Committee by the Corporate Director of Adult Social care, Health and Public Protection and to the Children & Young People's Committee by the Corporate Director of Children, Families and Cultural Services in due course.

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: 2015/035

- 1) That the D2N2 Infrastructure and Investment Board and the Municipal General Charity be added to the Outside body appointment list.

- 2) That the Team manager, Democratic Services (after consultation with the Business Manager of the Labour Group), nominate a Trustee for the Charity for a period of four years.
- 3) That Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire be added to the Outside Body appointment list in place of Experience Nottinghamshire Ltd, and the Chair of the Economic Development Committee be appointed as the County Council's Director on the company's Board.
- 4) That the Chairman of Transport and Highways Committee and Chair of Economic Development Committee be appointed to serve on the D2N2 Infrastructure and Investment Board on behalf of the Council for the period up to the County Council elections in May 2017.
- 5) That the Service Director, Transport, Property and Environment be appointed to serve on the Board of Scape System Build Limited as second deputy when required.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2015/036

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.38am.

CHAIRMAN