

The Executive – 8 July 2020

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **8 July 2020** when there were present:-

Vice-Chairman in the Chair: Cllr Mrs C E Roe

Cllr D S Efde
Cllr S P Smith
Cllr I H Ward

Cllr M J Webb
Cllr A L Williams
Cllr S E Wootton

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M J Steptoe.

VISITING MEMBERS

Cllr Mrs J R Gooding
Cllr G J Ioannou
Cllr Mrs L Shaw

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton - Managing Director
A Hutchings - Strategic Director
M Harwood-White - Assistant Director, Assets and Commercial
M Hotten - Assistant Director, Place and Environment
N Lucas - Assistant Director, Resources
D Tribe - Assistant Director, Transformation and Customer
S Worthington - Principal Democratic and Corporate Services Officer
M Power - Democratic Services Officer

82 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman in due course.

83 COUNCIL PROJECTS PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Executive considered the report of the Strategic Director on the progress of the ICT Migration Project, the Council-led "Beagle Event" Project planned as part of the Discover 2020 festival and the Connect Programme.

The Strategic Director advised that the ICT Migration Project was due to be closed out this quarter and a final report, which would include lessons learned, would be made in the next quarter's report.

The plans for the Beagle event in May had been disrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the relaxation of restrictions had enabled construction works on an observation platform to be completed and Beagle way-markers for the trail were being put in place and improvement works for the car park were underway. The CGI was nearing completion and this part of project would be

completed within the next six weeks. Interpretation boards would be sited at Wallasea Island in time for the school summer holidays. School children in the District had been asked to contribute to the event by way of a poster competition; however, the winning class from King Edmunds School had not been able to take up their prize of a visit to the RSPB on the event opening day. There would be liaison with the school in September to make sure these children would be able to receive their prize and recognition for their contribution to the project. A formal civic opening event for the Beagle at Wallasea Island would be subject to risk assessment and being Covid secure. The Beagle event due to take place at the Freight House was to have been staffed and managed by a team of volunteers from Darwin and Beagle related scientific and historic societies. However, these organisations were busy reopening and looking after their own institutions. Contact would be made with them in the autumn to establish their readiness to reconstruct the Beagle event for summer 2021. A final decision on whether it was feasible to continue with this event would be made in November and a report would be taken to the December meeting of the Executive.

Resolved

That the progress of the ICT Migration Project, the Council-led “Beagle Event” Project planned as part of the Discover 2020 festival and the Connect Programme be noted. (SD)

84 RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE ‘CONNECT’ CULTURE AND TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

The Executive considered the report of the Assistant Director, Transformation and Customer, which noted the change in approach for the ‘Connect’ Cultural and Transformation Programme Service Delivery and Workforce Development Workstreams.

Resolved

That the change in approach for the ‘Connect’ Cultural and Transformation Programme Service Delivery and Workforce Development Workstreams be noted. (ADTC)

The meeting closed at 8.11 pm.

Chairman

Date

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