

The Executive – 9 October 2019

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **9 October 2019** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr M J Steptoe
Vice Chairman: 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

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING

Cllr Mrs L Shaw

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton - Managing Director
A Hutchings - Strategic Director
M Harwood-White - Assistant Director, Assets & Commercial
A Law - Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic
N Lucas - Assistant Director, Resources
S Worthington - Democratic Services Officer

182 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

183 THE BEAGLE EVENT (REVISED)

The Executive considered the report of the Strategic Director asking for approval of revisions to the composition and delivery of the Beagle Project as described in the report to the Executive on 10 July 2019.

The Portfolio Holder for Enterprise commended the reconfiguration of the original Event into two smaller events and felt that this provided a better clarity of focus that would bring the heritage and history of the Rochford District to the forefront. He proposed, however, that entrance to the Beagle Event due to be held at the Freight House be free of charge for the public.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance commented that the sticking point with the original Event was that of cost. He believed that the revised proposal offered an opportunity to increase footfall to the event and to make it more attractive to residents while at the same time promoting the rich heritage of the District.

In response to an observation that there should be a title for the event that was more representative of the bigger scope of Discover 2020, officers confirmed that they would work with the Portfolio Holder for Enterprise on a more inclusive title for the event.

Officers advised, in response to a Member question as to the timing of the Freight House event, that the Freight House would be available from midday on Friday, the day before the two-day event; the aspiration was to hold a preview evening at the Freight House, subject to sufficient corporate sponsorship being obtained.

The Portfolio Holder expressed thanks to the Strategic Director for the revised project plan and emphasised that the focus for the District was around the Beagle and Darwin and history associated with both, hence the working title to date of the Beagle Event.

He moved a Motion, seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, that the revisions to the Project be approved, subject to entrance being free to the public to attend the Beagle Event.

Resolved

- (1) That the revisions to the composition and delivery of the Beagle Project be approved, subject to entrance being free for the public to attend the Beagle Event.
- (2) That the revisions to the capital works to be undertaken at Wallasea Island be noted.
- (3) That the associated draft Event Management Plan and Equality Impact Assessment be noted. (SD)

184 DISPOSAL OF LAND OFF LONDON ROAD, RAYLEIGH

The Executive considered the report of the Managing Director relating to the disposal of land off London Road, Rayleigh.

The Portfolio Holder for Enterprise emphasised that the agreement to sell the land had nothing to do with any other Section 106 agreements. He further stressed that the Council would ensure that rights of access would be maintained legally for the District Council and the Sports and Social Club and utility companies, etc.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning commended officers for their due diligence and hard work in respect of difficult legal negotiations over the past months. He was pleased that this would help facilitate the move of residents of Fitzroy House into new premises.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance emphasised that the Council had sought independent opinion of its valuers which had confirmed that the value proposed for the disposal of the land fell within the range of their valuation estimates.

Resolved

That the disposal of the freehold interest of the land edged red on the plan appended to the officer report for the value of £300,000 to Sanctuary Housing be agreed. (MD)

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chairman

Date

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