

The Executive – 4 April 2012

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **4 April 2012** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K H Hudson

Cllr Mrs G A Lucas-Gill
Cllr Mrs J E McPherson
Cllr M Maddocks

Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr M J Steptoe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr K J Gordon.

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren - Chief Executive
A Bugeja - Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services
Y Woodward - Head of Finance
J Bostock - Member Services Manager

69 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70 AGEING POPULATION STRATEGY ACTION PLAN REPORT 2011/12

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive relating to progress on the actions contained within the Ageing Population Strategy Action Plan.

It was agreed that it would be appropriate to include premises and assistance with obtaining further grant within the resource implications column for the support of advice services. It was noted that eleven persons under the age of eighteen had sought advice on housing options.

Resolved

That, subject to recognising that premises and assistance with obtaining further grant can be included within the resource implications column for the support of advice services, the progress on actions contained within the Ageing Population Strategy Action Plan, as outlined in the appendix to the report, be noted. (CE)

71 FEASIBILITY OF A CHAPEL OF EASE AT HALL ROAD CEMETERY, ROCHFORD

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services on the feasibility of a Chapel of Ease at the Hall Road Cemetery, Rochford.

It was recognised that the availability of finance was a factor. On a motion, moved by Cllr K H Hudson and seconded by Cllr Mrs J E McPherson, it was:-

Resolved

That the provision of a Chapel of Ease/shelter at the Hall Road Cemetery, Rochford be not pursued at this time. (HLEMS)

72 CONSULTATION PAPER ON A PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT FOR PART 2 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services on responding to a Government Consultation Paper on a proposed policy statement for Part 2 of the Localism Act 2011.

Resolved

That the proposed response to the consultation paper, as set out at appendix 2 of the report, be endorsed. (HLEMS)

73 CONTRACTS FOR TENDER IN QUARTER ONE - 2012/13

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Finance on contracts valued at £25,000 or more expected to be tendered in the first quarter of 2012/13.

It was noted that the quarter would include competitive tenders in respect of consultancy pre-submission for the Hockley, Rayleigh and Rochford Area Action Plans.

It was confirmed that the Council's procurement strategy was under review and would be an aspect of the considerations of the Member Advisory Group set up by the Portfolio Holder for Environment in relation to the grounds maintenance contract. The Portfolio Holder had included the Chairman of the Review Committee as an observer on the Advisory Group.

Resolved

That the report on contracts being issued for tender in Quarter One 2012/13 be received, subject to noting that the Quarter will include competitive tenders in respect of consultancy pre-submission for the Hockley, Rayleigh and Rochford Area Action Plans. (HF)

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

Chairman

Date

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