

The Executive – 17 April 2013

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **17 April 2013** when there were present:-

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

Cllr K J Gordon	Cllr M Maddocks
Cllr Mrs G A Lucas-Gill	Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr Mrs J E McPherson	Cllr M J Steptoe

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren	-	Chief Executive
A Bugeja	-	Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services
R Evans	-	Head of Environmental Services
Y Woodward	-	Head of Finance
S Scrutton	-	Head of Planning and Transportation
M Power	-	Committee Administrator

71 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from Minute 48 it was noted that a formal risk assessment had not been deemed necessary for the Rayleigh Columbarium.

72 AGEING POPULATION STRATEGY ACTION PLAN REPORT 2012/13

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive detailing progress on the actions contained within the ageing population strategy action plan.

It was noted that the strategy was a live document formally updated on an annual basis, which would continue to evolve over time to take in new arrangements and initiatives such as the community budget and the voluntary sector befriending service, for example.

Resolved

That progress on the actions contained within the ageing population strategy action plan, as outlined in the appendix to the report, be noted. (CE)

73 PROPOSED MOVE OF THE DATE OF ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS TO THE DATE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN 2014

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Information and Customer Services on a suggested response to a Central Government consultation paper in relation to moving the local government election date in early May

2014 to correspond with the date of the European Parliamentary election in late May or early June 2014.

Resolved

- (1) That the Government be advised that it should seek to move the date of elections to Principal Local Authorities, Parish Councils, and any council tax referendums scheduled to take place on 1 May 2014 so that they are all held on the same day as, and in combination with, the European Parliamentary elections in 2014.
- (2) That, in order to ensure the effective administration of these elections:-
 - a) the Government be advised to publish all necessary legislation and fees at least six months in advance of the European elections; and
 - b) the Electoral Commission be advised to publish the relevant guidance at least six months in advance of the elections. (HICS)

74 REFURBISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S SERVICE YARD SOUTH STREET, ROCHFORD

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services outlining a proposal to purchase storage containers and to carry out improvement works to the service yard in South Street, Rochford.

Resolved

That the underspend on last year's capital budget allocation, provided for the purchase of wheeled bins, be used to undertake improvements in the service yard and to renovate/replace the existing storage containers, in order to create additional enclosed storage capacity. (HES)

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

75 UPDATE ON THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Executive considered the exempt report of the Head of Environmental Services providing an update on progress with the grounds maintenance contract.

Resolved

- (1) That the specification for the main grounds maintenance contract comprises the key elements identified in paragraph 2.2 of the exempt report:-
 - grass cutting, turfing, hedge, shrub and rose planting and maintenance;
 - maintenance of sports pitches, reinstatement of damaged grass areas and hard surfaces;
 - snow clearance, litter collection and the maintenance of water courses and water bodies.
- (2) That it be noted that the grounds maintenance service is on target to deliver the savings identified in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy. (HES)

76 ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – SITE GT1/NEL2 – MICHELINS FARM, RAYLEIGH

The Executive considered the exempt report of the Head of Planning and Transportation on this site.

Recommended to Council

That recommendations (1), (2) and (3) in the exempt report of the Head of Planning and Transportation be agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

Chairman

Date

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