

The Executive – 1 November 2017

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **1 November 2017** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore
Vice Chairman: Cllr M J Steptoe

Cllr G J Ioannou
Cllr Mrs C E Roe
Cllr S P Smith

Cllr D J Sperring
Cllr I H Ward
Cllr M J Webb

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Bostock – Assistant Director Democratic Services
N Lucas – Section 151 Officer

Prior to commencement of the meeting Members stood in silence in memory of former Councillor Cl Black, Leader of the liberal Democrat Group, who had recently passed away.

224 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

225 PROGRESS ON DECISIONS MADE BY FULL COUNCIL/THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive received the progress on decisions schedule. Noting that there had been delays in implementation of the Community Safety Hub due to local policing team factors reference was made to the value of Hub implementation as soon as possible. (Minute 246/14)

226 GREATER ESSEX 100% BUSINESS RATES PILOT BID

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Cllr S P Smith, presented the business rates pilot bid report.

The Section 151 officer advised that, since report publication, Thurrock Borough Council had decided to withdraw from bid participation. It was noted that a pilot should not introduce any additional responsibilities for the District Council and that Parish and Town Councils were outside this type of arrangement.

Resolved

- (1) That the submission of a bid for participation in a Greater Essex 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that the outcome of the bid is expected to be announced before the Local Government Settlement in December 2017. (S151O)

227 PROCESS FOR AWARDING VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS – 2018/19

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Cllr S P Smith, presented the report on a process for awarding voluntary sector grants.

In endorsing proposals Members observed that such grants can demonstrate the Council's commitment to the local community. The provision of financial assistance can both release individuals to make a difference and help local organisations attract monies from other services. Particular mention was made of the valuable activities of Hopeworx and its support of the accommodation facility for the homeless at Francis Cottee House, Rayleigh.

Resolved

- (1) That a procedure be put in place for allocating the Voluntary Sector Grants fund for the financial year 2018/19 that is fair and transparent.
- (2) That applications for monies from the small grants scheme be open to all community and voluntary groups.
- (3) That the Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Services receive top sliced funding from the same pot, based on previous performance. (ADCHS)

The meeting closed at 7.49 p.m.

Chairman

Date

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