

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY SERVICES) COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Mr J A B Long – Chairman

Mr P D Burgoyne	Mr M Newman
Mr B D Hurren	Mr J R A Sayers
Mr F R Lawrenson	Mr D L Wood
Mr N MacMaster	

Mrs A M Norman and Mr J M Owen were unable to be present.

22 SUBSTITUTES

It was noted that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 5, a substitute was in attendance as follows:-

Mr N MacMaster (substituting for Mr J M Owen).

23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr B D Hurren declared a personal interest in the relevant part of the item referred to in Minute No 27 below (Annual Report of Haven Gateway Partnership) in his capacity as Chairman of Pin Mill Management Company, but stated that his interest was such that he was able to speak and vote on the item. He subsequently declared a personal interest in the relevant part of the item referred to in Minute No 28 below (Babergh District Council and South Suffolk Leisure – Partnership Development Report) in his capacity as a Director of The Quay Theatre and Chairman of the Board, but stated that his interest was such that he was able to speak and vote on the item.

24 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on [19 July 2011](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

25 PETITIONS

None received.

26 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

27 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAVEN GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP (HGP)

Councillor John Hinton, the Council's representative on the Partnership presented [Paper L65](#) providing Members with an overview of the issues tackled by the HGP in 2010/11 and giving them the opportunity to scrutinise the work carried out.

It was noted that Mid Suffolk District Council should be included in the area list contained in paragraph 8.1 of Paper L65.

Following the presentation John Hinton and Mike Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive answered Members' questions on various issues including the following:-

- Hamilton Road, Sudbury – timescale and redevelopment proposals (it was noted that an electronic copy of the planning guidance for Hamilton Road would be sent to Committee members)
- Brantham Industrial Site – deterioration of the site and regeneration plans
- Dry Port – need to reduce carbon emissions and encourage greater use of the railways

RESOLVED

That the contents of Paper L65 be noted.

28 BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL AND SOUTH SUFFOLK LEISURE – PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Paul Little, Community Safety and Leisure Manager introduced [Paper L63](#) reporting on the performance and development of a key strategic and operational partnership between the District Council and South Suffolk Leisure (SSL), an independent leisure trust with responsibility for operating the Kingfisher Leisure Centre in Sudbury and Hadleigh Swimming Pool. The report had been jointly prepared by Babergh District Council and SSL.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Tracey Copping, Chief Executive of SSL who referred to the operational achievements of the Company and key aims for the future.

Following the presentation Paul Little and Tracey Copping answered Members' questions on various issues including the following:-

- Customer Forums
- Energy efficiency proposals
- Proposals for improving reception area and refurbishment of the café

RESOLVED

That the contents of Paper L63 be noted.

29 SELF FINANCING OF THE BUILDING CONTROL SERVICE

The Head of Natural and Built Environment submitted a report ([Paper L64](#)) providing an annual update on the self financing of the additional staff resources within the Building Control Service after the termination of the Building Control Partnership between Babergh District Council, Ipswich Borough Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Following the presentation Gary Starling, Building Control Manager answered Members' questions on various issues including the following:-

- Integration with Mid Suffolk Building Control Group
- Promotion of energy efficient buildings
- Differences between statutory and additional income

RESOLVED

- (1) That the contents of Paper L64 be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that the existing staff resources within the Building Control Service will remain on a continued self financing basis until such time as full integration with Mid Suffolk Building Control Group takes place.

30 WORK PLAN

The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report ([Paper L66](#)) which provided details of the Committee's anticipated work for 2011/12.

RESOLVED

That the Work Plan submitted as Paper L66 be noted.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.25 a.m.

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Chairman