

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY SERVICES) COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2012

PRESENT: Mr J A B Long – Chairman

Mrs J Antill	Mr J M Owen
Mr P D Burgoyne	Mr J R A Sayers
Mr B D Hurren	Mr D L Wood
Mr M Newman	

Mrs A M Norman was unable to be present.

1 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Mr B D Hurren be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr D L Wood declared a personal interest in the item referred to in Minute No.8 below (Community Safety Partnership – Annual Review) by virtue of representing the Suffolk Police Authority on the Partnership, but stated that his interest was such that he was able to speak and vote on the item.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Joint Meeting held on [13 December 2011](#) and the meeting held on [27 March 2012](#) be confirmed and signed as correct records.

4 PETITIONS

None received.

5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

6 SUFFOLK LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Head of Environment introduced [Paper M26](#) advising that the Flood and Water Management Act 2012 requires the lead Local Flood Authority (the County Council) to produce a sustainable Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. This will become a statutory document affecting all flood and coastal risk Management Authorities and will influence Planning Authorities.

Attached to the report was the Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – Public Summary, it was noted that the figures in the table on page 4 were to be statistically rounded.

Jane Burch, Flood and Coastal Policy Manager of Suffolk County Council was in attendance at the meeting to present the formal consultation draft and also made a presentation ([Paper M27](#)) on the Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Following the presentation, Members asked a number of questions which included the following:-

- Responsibility of landowners to clear gulleys/ditches.
- Sustainable drainage.
- Dispersal of water from new developments.
- Powers to enforce legislation.
- Engaging communities.
- Responsibilities of Planning Authorities.

The Committee agreed that the Council in its Planning Authority role should consider water management and drainage implications as part of the development of the planning framework and that this should be referred to in the Annual Report of the Development Committee which is scheduled to be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

RECOMMENDED TO STRATEGY COMMITTEE

That the formal consultation draft of the Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (as amended) attached as an Appendix to Paper M26 be endorsed.

7 HOW TO ENCOURAGE WORK EXPERIENCE AND APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES IN MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL AND BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr P D Burgoyne, a Member of the Joint Working Group on encouraging young people apprenticeships and work experience, introduced [Paper M28](#) relating to how best to encourage work experience and apprenticeship schemes for young people in Mid Suffolk and Babergh with private, public and voluntary sectors.

Members asked a number of questions of the Officers present including the following:-

- Potential role for Councils acting as co-ordinator for the schemes
- Guidance under Section 106 powers
- Potential funding issues and nature of the evidence based for the report

Following questions from Members, the Committee were advised that Officers would be using the outputs from the working groups as an evidence source for the forthcoming review of strategic priorities for the Council.

RECOMMENDED TO STRATEGY COMMITTEE

- (1) That the relevant Head(s) of Service be directed to set out the aims, objectives and potential initiatives for improving employability of young people across the Councils' districts (as identified by the Joint Working Group on Encouraging Young People Apprenticeships and Work Experience) within a Strategic Plan to be brought forward to the Strategy Committee.**
- (2) That the relevant Head(s) of Service be instructed to develop a business case to deliver the initiatives identified within the Strategic Plan referred to at Resolution (1) for consideration by the Strategy Committee.**
- (3) That general policies concerning young people/NEET employability and economic growth be incorporated into the Council's Strategic Priorities and Objectives within the current policy review framework.**

8 BABERGH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

The Head of Communities presented [Paper M29](#) setting out the Partnership's activities during 2011/12.

Sergeant Kevin Horton, Sudbury and Cornard and Babergh West Neighbourhood Police Teams, was present at the meeting, and together with Paul Little, responded to Members' questions on various aspects of the report, including the following:-

- Night time economy
- CCTV system and volunteers manning this
- Reduction In budgets
- Issues relating to turning off of street lights
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Profile of Community Safety Partnership
- Link between Community Safety Partnership and Safer Neighbourhood Team.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

9 WORK PLAN

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted a report ([Paper M30](#)) which provided details of the Committee's anticipated work for 2012/13.

RESOLVED

That the Work Plan submitted as Paper M30 be noted.

Note: The meeting adjourned between 10.45 a.m. and 11.10 a.m. for refreshments.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 12.35 p.m.

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Chairman