

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Ms J A Jenkins – Chairman

Mrs J Antill	Mr R C Smith
Dr M F M Bamford	Mr A J Ward
Mr A C Bavington	Mrs S M Wigglesworth
Mrs S Carpendale	Mr L H Young
Mr N A Ridley	

Mr N A Bennett, Mr A J Hinton and Mrs A K Pollard were unable to be present.

Mr C W Arthey, the Waste Management Strategy Champion attended the meeting in order to present the Item referred to on the Procurement of Waste Transfer and Recycling Services (Minute No.62 refers).

53 SUBSTITUTES

It was noted that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 5, substitutes were in attendance as follows:-

Dr M F M Bamford (substituting for Mrs A K Pollard)

Mr R C Smith (substituting for Mr A J Hinton)

Mr A J Ward (substituting for Mr N A Bennett)

54 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

55 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on [6 October 2011](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

56 PETITIONS

None received.

57 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

58 ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

None received.

59 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TASK GROUPS AND PANELS ETC

Strategic Charging Policy and Approach to Deciding Whether and How to Charge for Services

Mr N A Ridley, Chairman of the Strategic Financial Planning Task Group presented [Paper L95](#) outlining a framework for deciding whether and how to charge for services.

The policy, which had been referred back to the Strategic Financial Planning Task Group by Strategy Committee at its previous meeting for further consideration, was aiming to strike a balance between the need to generate increased income (and so reduce the pressure for reductions to frontline services) and the need to mitigate any direct adverse impact charging could have on achieving the Council's priorities. A lengthy debate ensued and it was agreed that the policy as contained in [Paper L95](#) be adopted subject to:

Paragraph 3.4 – deletion of the words “or basis”

Paragraphs 3.2 and 3.6 – an apostrophe to be added before the s in Councils.

RESOLVED

That the Strategic Charging Policy as set out in [Paper L95](#) be adopted subject to the amendments referred to above.

60 WORK PLAN

The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report ([Paper L96](#)) on items identified for the Strategy Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Work Plan set out in [Paper L96](#) be noted.

61 FUTURE OF LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN BABERGH

The Project and Programme Executive submitted a report ([Paper L97](#)) informing Members of the changing landscape with regard to Local Strategic Partnerships to enable consideration to be given to Babergh's future involvement.

It was noted that the Council, at Member and Officer level, has been involved in discussions with all three LSP's which are made up of a wide range of partners, concerning this issue for several months.

RESOLVED

(1) That subject to a new Local Strategic Partnership covering the areas of Mid Suffolk and Babergh districts being confirmed on 22 November 2011 Babergh District Council withdraws from the West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership with effect from 31 December 2011. Further, that Council be asked to make an appointment of a Member to serve on the newly created partnership for Babergh and Mid Suffolk from 1 January 2012 for the remainder of the current term of office.

- (2) That the Overview and Scrutiny (Community Services) Committee be asked to undertake a review of the effectiveness of the new partnership arrangements during 2012.**

Note: Mr L H Young voted against the decision referred to in (1) above and requested that this be recorded in the minutes.

62 PROCUREMENT OF WASTE TRANSFER AND RECYCLING SERVICES

The Head of Natural and Built Environment and Mr C W Arthey, the Waste Management Strategy Champion presented [Paper L98](#) outlining the proposals for the Joint Procurement of Waste Transfer and Recycling Infrastructure Services which is being recommended by the Suffolk Waste Partnership as being the best approach to delivering value for money and optimum solutions for all the Suffolk Authorities from April 2014, in respect of the recovery and subsequent disposal of waste.

They also gave a presentation (subsequently numbered [Paper L109](#)) relating to the Discovery Phase of the Waste Transfer Infrastructure Network Project.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a joint approach to procurement of waste transfer and recycle marketing services for all of the Suffolk Waste Partnership authorities, led by Suffolk County Council be approved.**
- (2) That the recommended approaches to procurement as set out in paragraph 8.13 and 8.15 of [Paper L98](#) in relation to “contract packaging” and in Appendix A in relation to the “Waste Transfer Project Final Recommendations” be approved.**
- (3) That a commencement of the recommended procurement process with Suffolk County Council as the lead authority be approved and that the Joint Strategic Director (Corporate) in consultation with the Waste Management Strategy Champion be authorised to agree terms and conditions that best protect the Councils’ interests.**

Note: The meeting adjourned between 10.20am and 10.40am for refreshments.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.30 a.m.

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Chairman