

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Ms J A Jenkins – Chairman

Mr C W Arthey	Mrs S Carpendale
Dr M F M Bamford	Mr A J Hinton
Mr S R Barrett	Mr A F D W Osborne
Mr A C Bavington	Mrs S M Wigglesworth

Mr N A Ridley was also in attendance at the meeting.

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

24 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 Mr N A Bennett)
Mr A F D W Osborne (substituting for Mr J R B Cave)

25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

26 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

27 PETITIONS

None received.

28 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

29 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Annual Report of the Development Committee 2012/13 (Planning Committee Minute No. 49)

Mr R W Thake, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, introduced the Committee's Annual Report ([Paper N51](#)). Mr Thake and the Corporate Manager – Development Management responded to Members' questions and made reference to the work of the Planning Transformation Group in developing the Recovery Plan which is now being implemented.

RESOLVED

That Paper N51 be noted and adopted as the Annual Report of the Development Committee for 2012/13.

30 WORK PLAN

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted a report ([Paper N52](#)) relating to items that had been identified on the Committee Work Plan.

Members noted that the Work Plan would be revised to reflect the arrangements which are being put in place for developing the Budget.

RESOLVED

That the contents of Paper N52 be noted.

31 THE FUTURE PROVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

The Strategic Director (Corporate) submitted a report ([Paper N54](#)) outlining progress on the future provision of a number of support services. The Committee was asked to note and endorse the position.

The Director referred to the constructive ongoing discussions with the County Council. The report was generally welcomed by Members.

RESOLVED

That the progress being made on the future provision of the HR, finance, public access and ICT services be noted and the approaches taken (as outlined in Paper N54) be endorsed.

32 APPLICATION TO BECOME AN INVESTMENT PARTNER WITH THE HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY (HCA)

The Head of Economy submitted a report ([Paper N53](#)) proposing that Babergh District Council applies to become an Investment Partner with the HCA. Members noted that although it would be possible to make a joint application with Mid Suffolk, the recommendation was for a separate application to be made, and that Mid Suffolk's Executive Committee had already agreed to do the same.

The Chief Executive referred to the funding options which could be available to Investment Partners and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

That approval be given for Babergh District Council to apply to become an Investment Partner with the Homes and Communities Agency.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.55 a.m.

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Chairman