

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY 14 JULY 2016

PRESENT: Jennie Jenkins – Chairman

Clive Arthey	Richard Kemp
Simon Barrett	Jan Osborne
Dave Busby	Peter Patrick
David Holland	Nick Ridley

Sue Carpendale and Frank Lawrenson 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:-

Dave Busby (substituting for Sue Carpendale).

23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

24 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

25 PETITIONS

None received.

26 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None received.

27 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None received.

28 STRATEGY COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN 2016/17

The Interim Head of Democratic Services submitted Paper S39 relating to items identified for Forward Plan.

RESOLVED

That the content of Paper S39 be noted.

29 2015/16 FINANCIAL OUTTURN

Jennie Jenkins, Portfolio Holder – Assets and Investments, introduced [Paper S40](#), summarising the current position on the financial outturn. Katherine Steel, Assistant Director – Corporate Resources, referred to the main variances as detailed in the report and answered Members' questions on various items including timing of the expenditure on refuse freighters, management of underspends and reserves, the solar panel installation programme and the current reduction in income from materials recycling.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the 2015/16 financial outturn as set out in Paper S40 be noted.**
- (2) That the transfer of £321k, being the General Fund favourable variance for the year, to the Transformation Fund (£245k) and Business Rates Equalisation Reserve (£76k) referred to in paragraph 10.12 of Paper S40 be approved.**
- (3) That the General Fund carry-forward requests that individually exceed £25k and totalling £230k referred to in paragraph 10.13 of Paper S40 be approved.**
- (4) That the transfer of £1.691m Capital Budget for refuse freighters from 2016/17 back to 2015/16 referred to in paragraph 10.26 of Paper S40 be approved.**
- (5) That the Capital carry-forward requests that exceed £25k referred to in paragraph 10.30 of Paper S40 totalling £31.8m (includes £25m for Delivery Programme Investment Opportunities) be approved.**

30 BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE IN-HOUSE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE

Alan Ferguson, Portfolio Holder for Housing Delivery, introduced [Paper S41](#), seeking Member approval to the Business Plan. Martin King, Assistant Director – Supported Living, together with the Chief Executive responded to Members' questions on the proposals for operating the joint service and the anticipated efficiency savings. Jennie Jenkins confirmed that quarterly reviews would take place in addition to the evaluation exercise to be undertaken at the end of the 18 month support period.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Business Plan ([Appendix 1 to Paper S41](#)) be endorsed.**
- (2) That BMBS be supported for a period of up to 18 months to make the transition to a first class service provider and in establishing the baseline and evidence for future success.**
- (3) That a report be produced at the end of the 18 month period referred to in Resolution (1) above evaluating performance against this Business Plan, and thereafter this plan to be reviewed and updated every 12 months.**

31 EAST BERGHOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Simon Barrett, Portfolio Holder – Business Growth and Increased Productivity, introduced [Paper S42](#), which presented the findings of the Independent Examiner and sought Member approval to the Plan proceeding to a local referendum. Nick Ward, Corporate Manager – Community Planning and Heritage answered questions from Members regarding the process and drew their attention to the limited discretion available to the Council at this stage (paragraph 3.10 of the report refers.)

RESOLVED

- (1) That East Bergholt Parish Council be requested to make the necessary modifications to the Plan in accordance with the Examiner’s recommendations (summarised in Appendix 1 to Paper S42).**
- (2) That, subject to satisfactory completion of the necessary modifications, the plan be advanced to a local referendum covering the parish of East Bergholt.**

At the close of this item, Nick Ward was thanked for his contribution over the past five years and Members wished him well for the future.

32 APPOINTMENT OF PARTNER – CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND INVESTMENT FUND

Jennie Jenkins, Portfolio Holder, Assets and Investments, introduced [Paper S43](#) regarding the appointment of Jones Lang LaSalle Ltd and the approach recommended for developing the investment strategy.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the appointment of a partner, Jones Lang LaSalle Ltd, be noted.**
- (2) That the approach to developing the Capital Investment Strategy as outlined in Paper S43 be endorsed.**

33 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

RESOLVED

That pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during these items, it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated against each item.

The Committee was also satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

34 NEW ANGLIA 'SPACE TO INNOVATE' ENTERPRISE ZONE – SPROUGHTON ENTERPRISE PARK SITE (Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1)

The Minute relating to the above-mentioned item is excluded from the public record. A summary of the Minute made by the Proper Officer in accordance with sub-section 2 of Section 100(c) of the Local Government Act 1972 is set out below.

Members had before them a report from the Corporate Manager – Open for Business (Paper S44) which was presented by Simon Barrett, Portfolio Holder for Growth and Increased Productivity. Members raised various matters, which Officers clarified during the meeting.

The Committee agreed the recommendations to Council, as set out in the report.

35 PROPERTY ACQUISITION (Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1)

The Minute relating to the above-mentioned item is excluded from the public record. A summary of the Minute made by the Proper Officer in accordance with sub-section 2 of Section 100(c) of the Local Government Act 1972 is set out below.

Members had before them a report from the Assistant Director – Investments and Commercial Delivery (Paper S45R) which was presented by Jennie Jenkins, Portfolio Holder for Assets and Investments. Members raised various matters, which Officers clarified during the meeting.

The Committee approved the recommendations set out in the report, subject to a minor amendment.

Richard Kemp voted against the recommendations and asked for his vote to be recorded in the Minutes.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 7.05 p.m.

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Chairman