
CABINET18 APRIL 2012

Present:- Councillor N R Stock (Leader of the Council) (Chairman)!Councillor S Candy (Regeneration)!Councillor G V Guglielmi (Planning)!Councillor P Halliday (Finance and Asset Management)!Councillor P B Honeywood (Housing) (except item 136 part)!Councillor S S Mayzes (Tourism and Community Life)!Councillor L A McWilliams (Customer and Central Services)!Councillor P I Sambridge (Technical Services)!Councillor N W Turner (Environment)!Councillor G F Watling (Benefits and Revenues)

Also Present:- Councillors J A Broderick, N W Brown, D J Casey, D M Miles, G L Mitchell.

In Attendance:- Chief Executive, Strategic Director, Head of Public Experience, Head of Resource Management, Legal Services Manager, Pollution and Environment Manager, Communications and Public Relations Manager, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Personal Assistant to the Leader of the Council.

Also in Attendance:- Group Leaders present by Invitation:- Councillors H A Shearing and M J Talbot.

(Noon - 1.15 p.m.)

129.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Double and P J Oxley (who, as Group Leaders, had been invited to attend the meeting).

130. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 March 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of the following paragraph to follow minute 121:-

“The Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder (Councillor Halliday) asked the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group (Councillor Shearing) if he could explain to him, either verbally or by e-mail, under which budget line up to £400,000 had been removed from voluntary services as Councillor Shearing had been claiming.”

131. REVIEW OF HEALTH INEQUALITIES – FALLS

Cabinet was made aware that on 26 March 2012 the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee had met and concluded the pilot project it had recently undertaken on scrutinising health inequalities in the District and, in particular, falls in older people (minute 45 referred). That piece of work had revealed some surprising information including:-

- People fell 10 years earlier in Tendring than in other parts of the country.
- 55% of all the ambulance activity was related to falls and this percentage was increasing. Many of the people seen by the ambulance service were well known to them and they had had previous falls.
- 50 to 60% of people who presented themselves at Colchester hospital with falls had cognitive issues including dementia, and 50% had a history of previous falls.
- Unequivocal link between health inequalities, poor health outcomes and the impact this had on the likelihood of people experiencing falls.

- Projected that by 2030 Tendring would have over 18,000 people who experienced falls each year.
- The many organisations involved in the falls agenda, whether dealing with prevention or response, worked in isolation and were focused very much on their small (but important) part of the process; there was clear evidence that there was no holistic approach to the issue as a whole.

The Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee had thereupon decided to recommend the following actions to the Cabinet:-

1. A Falls and Bone Health Partnership Group should be formed of all organisations involved in either the prevention of, or response to, falls.
2. The Partnership Group should seek to:
 - * Share data between all partners
 - * Combine the individual organisations' different falls pathways
 - * Explore opportunities to realise better resource management
 - * Link into the Tendring Health and Wellbeing Board
 - * Ensure that the relevant data was incorporated in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the area
3. GP Clinical Commissioning should form an integral part of the Partnership in order to ensure that due consideration was given to the need (and benefit) of focusing future funding on falls with the aim of allocating a larger amount of the budget on prevention rather than just responding to falls victims.
4. The Partnership Group should be led by an officer of Tendring District Council in order to demonstrate impartiality and maintain an independent angle of challenge.
5. Consideration should be given as to whether there would be any added benefit to working with Colchester Borough Council and broadening the issue across the whole of North East Essex.
6. The Partnership Group needs to set stretching but realistic targets that would:
 - * Reflect a year on year decrease on the rate of falls which resulted in significant injury
 - * Reduce the % of calls on the ambulance service
 - * Reduce the cost of acute care
7. The Partnership, involving both the district and county council, should look at ways of circulating proactive information to those most at risk in the community.
8. The Partnership must identify where the accountability should rest in ensuring a seamless service is provided to the user.

Having considered the recommendations of the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee:-

It was moved by Councillor Stock, seconded by Councillor Halliday and:-

RESOLVED – (a) That the Cabinet thanks the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee for its work and subsequent recommendations.

(b) That Cabinet urges that Committee to take forward its own recommendations using whatever means they have at its disposal whilst being mindful that this was only one of six key issues suggested for scrutiny.

(c) That the Regeneration Portfolio Holder establishes a working party to look at: (1) Employment and Worklessness and (2) Poverty and Low Income and to report its findings and recommendations to Cabinet in due course.

Cabinet was made aware that on 27 February 2012 the Corporate Management Committee had considered the Corporate Budget Monitoring Report for the third quarter of 2011/12 (minute 43 referred). At that meeting that Committee had decided, amongst other things, to:-

“Reiterate to Cabinet its previous concerns about the ongoing shortfall in income from sports facilities and feels the time is now right for the Council to review its business plan for operating the facilities such as the Leisure Centre and Swimming Pools including expenditure on maintenance as well as fees and charges; and to also review sports pitch booking fees and charges.”

Having considered the comment of the Corporate Management Committee:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor S S Mayzes and:-

RESOLVED – (a) That Cabinet thanks the Corporate Management Committee for its work and subsequent recommendations.

(b) That actions are being taken to increase usage through different activities.

(c) That Cabinet will be bringing forward proposals to carry out physical improvements to Dovercourt, Frinton and Walton, Manningtree and Brightlingsea Leisure Centres utilising the £698,870 capital budget. All of which proposals will go out to consultation before implementation.

133. HARWICH TOWN SAILING CLUB: RENEWAL OF LEASE

Cabinet considered whether to grant a new seven year lease to Harwich Town Sailing Club (the Club) and to delegate the finalisation of terms to the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder.

It was reported that the Club’s existing lease had passed its contractual end date and the Club had been holding over under its terms for some years. The Council had previously postponed the renewal of this lease in view of potential regeneration initiatives in the area. The Club had secured a Sport England grant to fund improvement of the facilities but needed to show seven years’ security of tenure in order to draw this down. The Club needed to start the work earlier than June 2012 to meet the terms of the grant. It was therefore proposed that Cabinet approval be given to the grant of a new lease together with a delegation of the final terms to the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder so that the lease could be initiated directly on completion of the negotiations.

Having considered the information submitted:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor Turner and:-

RESOLVED - (a) That Cabinet agrees, in principle, to the granting of a new seven year lease to the Harwich Town Sailing Club based on existing terms and market rent.

(b) That the final agreement of terms be delegated to the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder.

(c) That, subject to (b) above, the Head of Resource Management be authorised to enter into a lease to the Club on those terms and such other terms that she considers appropriate.

(d) That Officers investigate and resolve issues brought to the Council’s attention by residents regarding the alleged misuse of the public promenade by boat owners.

134. PREVENTION OF ENCROACHMENT

Further to minute 98 (25.1.12) Cabinet was informed of the measures being taken to minimise the risk of encroachment onto land owned by the Council.

Having considered the information submitted:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor McWilliams and:-

RESOLVED – (a) That Cabinet notes and welcomes these more proactive and robust measures put in place to reduce the risk of exposure.

(b) That the issues raised in the Appendix to item A.4 of the Report of the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder be prioritised and resolved in the fullness of time.

135. WILLOW TREE DAY NURSERY, CLACTON-ON-SEA: PETITION

Councillor Candy declared a personal interest in this matter insofar as she was the Essex County Council Portfolio Holder with responsibility for children's services.

Councillor Halliday declared a personal interest in this matter insofar as he was one of the Ward Members.

Cabinet was informed that the Council had received a petition organised by Mrs Dearsley, the owner of a private nursery in Chingford Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea. The petition requested that the Council provided the nursery with a car park on adjoining public open space.

Having considered the request:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor S S Mayzes and:-

RESOLVED – That Cabinet welcomes and applauds the sterling work of this private enterprise but the need for safe, public open space in this vicinity far outweighs the need for additional car parking spaces for a private business.

136. CLACTON SEAFRONT REGENERATION OPPORTUNITIES: "A BREATH OF FRESH AIR"

Cabinet's approval was sought of the document entitled: "Clacton Seafront: A New Future 2012-2016: A Breath of Fresh Air". The document identified a number of projects and development opportunities designed to bring Clacton's greatest asset, its seafront area, into the 21st Century.

Cabinet recognised that this was an innovative vision for the Clacton seafront. The Officers were thanked for their work in producing such a high quality and well-received document.

Having considered the contents of the document:-

It was moved by Councillor Stock, seconded by Councillor Candy and:-

RESOLVED - That the document "Clacton Seafront: A New Future 2012-2016, A Breath of Fresh Air" be approved.

137. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor Stock, seconded by Councillor Turner and:-

RESOLVED - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Chairman