
**MINUTES OF THE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2014 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEELEY**

Present: Councillors Challinor (Chairman), D R Mayzes (Vice-Chairman), Aldis, R Callender, Colbourne, Griffiths, D Oxley and Talbot.

Also Present: Councillor Platt.

In Attendance: Operations Manager (Michael Carran), Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney) and Democratic Services Officer (Michael Pingram).

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Simons with Councillor Griffiths substituting.

8. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 19 May 2014, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

10. CLACTON AIR SHOW – COSTINGS AND BUSINESS PLAN

The Council's Operations Manager advised the Committee that this was the third year that the Council had designed a Business Plan for the Clacton Air Show and said that it helped to avoid the air show from stagnating. He said that the budget for the 2014 event would be £21,910 but that the aim was to run it at the lowest cost possible, which would be achieved mainly through working with local businesses.

He informed the Committee that the economic impact of the air show to the Tendring District was £5,801,027 but said there were numerous challenges that he and his team would face, including the economic climate and difficulties with attracting sponsorship. He then made the Committee aware of the future opportunities, highlighting potential for an increase in visitors and increased revenue from trade stands due to there being no other air shows along the east coast, whilst also confirming that the VIP area would once again be outsourced due to its success in 2013.

He went on to explain the relevant projected costings and highlighted that there would be an increase in the flight hire budget but said that it was hoped a higher quality display would bring additional visitors. He concluded by discussing the operational challenges faced, referencing transport issues, and stated that the Park and Ride service from Clacton Factory Outlet would again be in operation, that 1,000 spaces per day would be available at West Road Car Park and that discussions would be taking place to provide an open top bus service from Holland-on-Sea car parks, which would provide an additional 650 spaces for visitors.

During discussions with the Committee, the Council's Operation Manager was asked if he felt the targets being set were, in his opinion, achievable; would the Council have its own merchandise stand; had it been easier to attract trade stand interest following last year's success and what was the current situation with regards to police costs.

In response, the Council's Operations Manager said that he was comfortable with the targets that had been set but stressed the importance of warm weather; that the Council would ensure that small merchandise items would be for sale; that interest in trade stands was similar to previous years because businesses tended to wait until nearer the time to book due to the risks of inclement weather and that police costs remained at £2,500, which was the same as the 2013 figure.

Following further discussions it was **RESOLVED** that the Committee congratulate the Council's Operation Manager, his team and the current and past Portfolio Holders for all of their hard work in ensuring the Air Show's continued success.

11. REVIEW OF LEISURE SERVICES

The Vice-Chairman shared with the Committee his wish to scrutinise Leisure Services and outlined potential areas that he felt worthy of the Committee's consideration.

Following discussions by the Committee it was **RECOMMENDED** that;

- a) the relevant Officer be invited to a future meeting to discuss issues in respect of maintenance agreements across the Council's Leisure Facilities; and
- b) Councillor Griffiths be invited to attend this meeting.

12. POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR EXAMINATION BY A MEMBER WORKING PARTY

The Chairman invited Members to update the Committee on those areas of work they had chosen to look into and pursue.

Learning from Complaints

Following a report Councillor D R Mayzes had prepared for the previous meeting of the Committee, but where he had been unable to attend, the Committee was invited to discuss his report. Following discussions it was agreed that the Committee would receive six monthly updates of complaints which had been received by the Council (but excluding complaints against Members) and the stages that they were at in accordance with the Council's complaints procedure.

How can the private sector help meet local housing needs?

In response to a concern raised by Councillor Aldis with regard to the setting up of a Working Party, the Chairman advised that this would be considered when the Committee was to scrutinise new Council Housing at its 26 January 2015 meeting.

Inward Investment and Growth

Councillor D R Mayzes submitted a report on Inward Investment and Growth and invited Members to comment upon at the next meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.35 p.m.

Chairman