# MINUTES OF THE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEELEY

Present: Councillors Griffiths (Chairman), Ferguson (Vice-Chairman),

Fowler, Hones, Miles, Pemberton, M J Skeels and Yallop.

**In Attendance:** Operations Manager (Mike Carran), Democratic Services Manager

(Colin Sweeney), and Democratic Services Officer (Michael

Pingram).

Also In Attendance: Councillors M J D Skeels (Leisure Portfolio Holder), Platt and

Stephenson.

# 1. WELCOME

The Chairman introduced himself, his Vice-Chairman and welcomed all those new to the Committee.

# 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies for absence.

# 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 13 April 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Council's Democratic Services Manager confirmed that, because no Members in attendance were present at the meeting held on 13 April 2015, he had previously spoken with the former Chairman of the Committee who had confirmed that, in her opinion, the Minutes were accurate.

#### 3. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were none.

# 4. CLACTON AIR SHOW 2015 - COSTINGS AND BUSINESS PLAN

The Chairman firstly invited the Portfolio Holder for Leisure (Councillor M J D Skeels) and the former Portfolio Holder for Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Event Services (Councillor Platt) to provide the Committee with an update of the Clacton Air Show 2014. They explained that it had been a huge success, that it was being expanded for 2015 with a food and drinks festival and that digital advertising had been heavily used for the first time at last year's event.

The Council's Operations Manager was then invited to provide a verbal presentation on the Clacton Air Show 2015.

He informed the Committee that last year's Air Show had been a huge success with record numbers of people attending. He said that for the past four years, his team had aimed to run the Air Show at break even and the way to achieve this was to run it as a business. He confirmed that it had cost roughly £100,000 to run last year's air show but through various sources of income, such as trade stands and programme sales, approximately £80,000 of income had been generated and that the economic impact of this to Tendring was in the region of £5,500,000.

The Council's Operations Manager then advised the Committee that despite the successes, there were issues to be aware of, including the provision of parking spaces, a lack of demand for sponsorship and that the infrastructure for Clacton was not strong enough to hold much more than the 100,000 people per day that had attended the 2014 Air Show.

During discussions with the Committee, Mr Carran was asked what the Committee could do to help the Air Show in going forward and suggestions around Members helping on the day and inviting voluntary groups to provide support, were put forward. He said that any help would be greatly appreciated and that any feedback after the Air Show would also be welcomed.

The Committee also gave consideration to the centenary year of the First World War for the 2018 Air Show and said it would work with the Council's Operations Manager on this.

In response to a Member's question, the Council's Operations Manager confirmed that only those who had made a financial contribution to the air show would have free access to the hospitality area.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Platt for his previous work as Portfolio Holder and support and wished Councillor M J D Skeels every success in his new position.

Following further discussion, it was **AGREED** the Committee **RECOMMEND TO CABINET** that:

- (a) The Leisure Portfolio Holder give consideration to inviting all Members to take part and help with the running of the Clacton Air Show 2015; and
- (b) The Leisure Portfolio Holder also give consideration to attracting help and support from local voluntary groups whilst being mindful of any relevant Council policies and potential safeguarding issues.

# 5. WORK PROGRAMME 2015/2016

The Council's Democratic Services Manager explained to the Committee that, following an All Member Briefing on scrutiny, held on 8 June 2015, the item had been added to the agenda after the original agenda was published and that its aim was to get the Committee's opinion on the Work Programme for 2015/2016 and make any alterations it felt necessary.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** that the following items would be added to the proposed Work Programme 2015/2016;

- (a) Clacton Air Show 2015 de-brief to be discussed at the meeting of 2 November 2015
- (b) IT support for Members be added to a future meeting

The meeting was declared closed at 8.52 pm.