

Executive Committee

31st March 2010

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors P Anderson, J Brunner, B Clayton, W Hartnett, N Hicks, C MacMillan and M Shurmer

Also Present:

Councillor W Norton (Chair – Local Strategic Partnership Task and Finish Group)

Officers:

C Flanagan, K Dicks, S Hanley, A Marklew, E Baker and L Brockett, J Bayley

Committee Services Officer:

D Sunman

276. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

277. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

278. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that the following item of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan to be dealt with at this meeting, had been rescheduled to a later meeting of the Committee:

- Business Centre Review;
- Church Green Improvements;
- Redditch Borough Council Logo; and
- Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Show People.

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Chair

279. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10th March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

280. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME NO 4

The Committee considered a report that outlined the timescales for the production of a range of Development Plan Documents for the Local Development Scheme (LDS) No 4.

Officers were congratulated for their professionalism in the production of the LDS No 4.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the timescales detailed within the Local Development Scheme No. 4 for a range of Development Plan Documents be agreed; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 2) Local Development Scheme No.4 be submitted to the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) for approval.**

281. PREFERRED DRAFT CORE STRATEGY

Members considered a report which sought endorsement of the Officer responses to the Preferred Draft Core Strategy consultation.

Officers were asked to ensure that all Members of the Joint Planning Advisory Panel (JPAP) be made aware when further discussion would take place on specific sites and that a further report be made to Executive Committee following that meeting.

RESOLVED that

the Officer responses to the Preferred Draft Core Strategy be approved.

282. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY 2010 - 2013

The Committee considered a report which sought approval of a Communications Strategy and Action Plan for 2010 to 2013.

Officers reported that the Communications Strategy was needed to provide effective internal and external communications for the Council and that the Action Plan would be updated annually. Members were informed that a separate Community Engagement Strategy would be produced jointly by Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils.

Members felt it important to measure and assess the value and success of communications.

RECOMMENDED that

the Communications Strategy 2010 – 2013 be adopted and added to the Council's policy framework from April 2010.

283. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that

- 1) **the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24th February be noted; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 2) **Councillor J Pearce be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel.**

284. REFERRAL FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TASK AND FINISH GROUP - INTERIM REPORT

Councillor Norton, Chair of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Task and Finish Group, presented an Interim Report to the Committee.

He explained that the recommendations that had been suggested by the Task and Finish Group on Engagement and Accountability, if approved, could be implemented for the new municipal year.

Members were informed that the recommendations had been designed to increase local Councillors' familiarity and involvement with the Redditch Partnership.

A further report that would include recommendations for improving performance management of the Redditch Partnership would be made to the Executive Committee in June 2010.

RECOMMENDED that

the recommendations listed below be referred to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for consideration at its next meeting:

Engagement

- 1) following pre-scrutiny by the LSP Task and Finish Group, the proposed format and content of the Redditch Partnership's revamped website coverage, to be hosted by Redditch Borough Council, be endorsed;**
- 2) an event, along the lines of the 'We are Redditch' exhibition, be held every year in a form determined appropriate by Officers;**
- 3) the Redditch Partnership and appropriate partners publicise their work and invite public reaction by providing regular updates in Redditch Matters;**
- 4) the Redditch Partnership hold and advertise an Annual Meeting, as required by the terms of the Partnership's protocol, which partners, potential partners and members of the public be positively encouraged to attend;**

Accountability

- 5) a copy of the minutes of the LSP Board's minutes be attached to the full Council agenda as part of Leader's Items to deliver regular updates on the work of Redditch Partnership;**
- 6) the Leader of the Council formally provide an Annual Report to the last scheduled full Council meeting of the municipal year covering the work of the Redditch Partnership by formalising the current practice of delivering an annual "State of the Borough" address;**
- 7) information about the Redditch Partnership and LSPs be provided to for Members' consideration as part of the Member induction process; and**
- 8) a training event focusing on LSPs be provided as a standard part of the Member training programme each year.**

285. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS, NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS ETC.

There were no minutes of referrals.

286. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

Members received an update on the activity of the Council's Advisory Panels and other bodies.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

287. ACTION MONITORING

Members considered the latest Action Monitoring report.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

288. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES / REFERRALS (IF ANY)

There were no confidential minutes or referrals.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 8.40 pm