

Council

5th March 2012

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Anita Clayton (Mayor), Councillor Gay Hopkins (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Peter Anderson, Michael Braley, Rebecca Blake, Andrew Brazier, Juliet Brunner, David Bush, Michael Chalk, Simon Chalk, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Adam Griffin, Malcolm Hall, Bill Hartnett, Roger Hill, Phil Mould, William Norton, Jinny Pearce, Brenda Quinney, Mark Shurmer, Debbie Taylor and Derek Taylor

Also Present:

D Andrews (Chair, Standards Committee) and M Collins (Vice-Chair, Standards Committee)

Officers:

T Buckley, J Carradine, C Felton, S Hanley, T Kristunas, J Pickering, J Staniland, S Skinner and L Tompkin

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

102. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

103. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Robin King, Wanda King and Alan Mason. It was reported that Councillor Robin King had been readmitted to hospital. The Mayor passed on the Council's best wishes to Robin and Wanda.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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MAYOR, in the Chair

105. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 16th January and 20th February 2012 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

106. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Mayor

The Mayor's communications and announcements were as follows:

Mayoral functions

The Mayor advised that, since the previous ordinary meeting of the Council, she had attended many events and engagements, the highlights of which had been the re-opening of the Abbey Stadium complex and an afternoon at Studley Castle with two local residents who had been married for 70 years and were celebrating their platinum wedding anniversary.

b) Chief Executive

The Chief Executive had no announcements.

c) Leader

The Leader's announcements were considered under the following headings:

i) Work placements from Auxerre

The Leader informed Members that the Council had managed to secure work placements for two Auxerrois at the Town Hall during the summer months, one in the Housing Team and a second in the Directorate Support Team. Officers were thanked for arranging the placements and accommodation for the individuals concerned.

ii) Big Lottery funding

The Leader was pleased to be able to inform Members that the Borough had received a significant amount of funding from the Big Lottery fund to be spent in the Church Hill area over the coming years. The Council, in conjunction with the Big Lottery fund, local residents and other partners would consider and decide upon priorities and develop a plan to cover the period of the funding. A meeting was to be arranged in the near future involving Officers and relevant Members to consider the implications for the Church Hill area.

107. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions had been received.

108. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

No motions had been received.

109. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 31st January, 20th February and 21st February 2012.

RESOVED that

- 1) the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 31st January 2012 be received and all recommendations adopted;
- 2) the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20th February 2012 be received and noted; and
- 3) the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 21st February 2012 be received and all recommendations adopted, subject to:

in respect of Minute 173 (Housing Revenue Account – Outcome of Review) it being noted that the Leader had provided an assurance that a number of considerations would be covered in the report proposed to be submitted to the Executive Committee on the building of Council houses by the authority, including:

- a) a cost-benefit analysis of the scheme;
- b) an analysis of the number of sites suitable for housing;
- c) timescales for the development to be delivered on each site;
- d) the means by which the Council was proposing to deliver the housing;
- e) details of the tendering process to engage the outside contractors;
- f) a measure of the prudent level of reserves to be retained in the HRA budget; and
- g) a financial appraisal and feasibility study for each site.

110. REGULATORY COMMITTEES

The Council received the minutes of recent meetings of the Council's Regulatory Committees. It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4th January 2012 inadvertently had been submitted for the Council's consideration for a second time.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 23rd January 2012 be received and all recommendations adopted;
- 2) the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 9th January 2012 be received and all recommendations adopted; and
- 3) the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1st February 2012 be received and adopted.

111. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS

There were no urgent business decisions under the Council's urgency procedures for consideration at this meeting.

112. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL (IF ANY)

There were no separate items of Urgent Business for consideration at this meeting.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 7.37 pm

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MAYOR, in the Chair