

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting - 30 October 2007

Present: Councillors Dhillon (Chairman), Mrs Royston (Vice-Chairman),

Councillors Adams Miss Arnold, Binns, Bowater, Bradford, Brown, Bullock, Busby, Chapman, Chhokar, Clark, Mrs Cranmer, Grover, Hardy, Miss Hazell, Mrs Holloway, D.F.A. Jones, S. W. Jones, Mrs Khan, Lidgate, Mrs Lowen-Cooper, Dr Merrick, Oxley, Reed, Mrs Simmonds, Tilbey, Mrs Wallis, Ms Webber, Weir, Wilson and Mrs Woolveridge.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Evans, Harding, Dr Merrick, Sandy, Thomson, Ms Vigor-Hedderly and Walters.

36. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported on recent functions and events attended on behalf of the Council,

- 25 September - Opening of Environmental Improvement Scheme - Denham Green, 1-6 Broadway East, Denham Green
- 27 September - Quality Parish Status - Burnham Parish Council, Burnham Park Hall, Windsor Lane, Burnham
- 27 September - Iver Heath Village Hall Celebration - St Margaret Close, Iver Heath
- 7 October - Civic Service - Chairman Bucks County Council, St Mary's Church, Chesham
- 14 October - Civic Service - High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Parish Church of St Laurence, Winslow
- 21 October - Cliveden by Night -Cliveden House, Taplow
- 27 October - Vehicle Launch - Verdant New Refuse Contract, Capswood, Denham

and gave advance warning of the Community Awards Reception which would take place on Tuesday 6 November 2007 at Capswood to which all Councillors were invited to attend.

37. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 September 2007 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

38. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The Council received a presentation from Lynn Trigwell, Head of Cultural and Youth Service on the Council's Cultural and Youth Service. The presentation was to give Members a better understanding of what service is actually offered to its residents and users.

The topics covered were as follows: - Who were the Councils target audience, Key Aims, Benefits of Physical Activity, the 5 most Popular Sports in the Thames Valley, Golf - delivering in the community, Service Vision, the Key Drivers, Funding (grant aided) and What next. The presentation highlighted: - the links between what the service does and the health agenda for the District, the efforts it made to reach out to the minority and hard to reach groups and the external funding obtained which was a vital to the service.

Members asked a number of questions and sought clarification and explanations on certain issues including funding, income generating courses, play rangers, outreach youth worker publicity, issue of public transport in relation to swimming pools, Asian Women Swimming programme, health promotion officer and number of staff in the team and their responsibilities.

Shore Tilbey, the portfolio holder for Community, Leisure and Communications thanked the Head of Cultural and Youth Service, Lynn Trigwell, for a most comprehensive overview of the service provided by the Council to the Community.

39. CABINET

The Leader, Mr Busby, presented the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 October 2007. The relevant Portfolio Holder introduced each minute of the Cabinet respectively.

With reference to minute 38 [Budget Monitoring] the Leader reported that the: -

- (1) budget savings were on target
- (2) level of reserves was in excess of the advised minimum prudent level because of the additional payment of £82k in LAGBI grant in respect of year 2006 / 07.

With reference to minute 42 (2) [Planning Policy Portfolio Holder Report] reference was made to the GOSE decision letter on the Council's Saved Policies application for the South Bucks District Local Plan 1999.

With reference to minute 43 (2) [Environment Portfolio Holder Report] reference was made to: -

- (1) Allocation of funds to schemes from the 2007/08 Environmental Improvement Budget, together with schemes identified for development in future years.
- (2) the ongoing consultation with the County Council, Parish Councils and other interested parties regarding the charges for the Pay and Display Car Parks.
- (3) Allocation of funds from the budget and the 2007/08 Local Agreement Capital Grant towards replacement/renewal of containers for use in recycling centres, replacement litter bins and refuse containers in flats thereby having a uniform image.

With reference to minute 44 [Corporate Plan 2008 - 2018] the Chief Executive reported that: -

- (1) The new Corporate Plan had separated priorities into three parts, those to be carried out in the next year, those to be carried out in the 2-3 year period and those that are to be carried out within 4-10 years.
- (2) the Wycombe Leisure Health Promotion Officer working within the new Leisure Management contract had commenced and coming forward with a number of new initiatives.
- (3) In relation to the Aim 2 one-year objectives, sub-paragraph (e) now read "Continue support for PCSO's but not at the expense of regular police officers".

With reference to minute 46 [Ombudsman's Annual letter 2006 - 2007] the Chief Executive reported that: -

- (1) the Ombudsman's annual letter noted that the number of complaints had again fallen and no fault was found against the Council with any of the complaints referred. The Ombudsman stated that it was a significant achievement to halve the number of complaints, from which he had concluded that "the Council's own complaints procedure is working effectively".
- (2) training would be given to all staff in customer care skills thereby making them more aware that the customer's needs were paramount resulting in a beneficial spin-off on the rating on complaints handling.

With reference to minute 47 [Change of Meeting Date] the Chief Executive reported that the date of the January Cabinet meeting had been altered to Tuesday 15 January 2008 (previously fixed for 8 January 2008).

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

40. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10 September 2007 was presented.

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Attention was drawn to the fact that Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Public Health Services was holding its next meeting in South Bucks at the Capswood offices on 2 November 2007 at 10 a.m. The purpose was to encourage local attendance/participation.

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

41. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- (1) The report of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 September 2007 was presented.

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

- (2) The report of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10 October 2007 was presented.

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

42. LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Part I report of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 19 September 2007 was presented.

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

43. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 25 September 2007 was presented.

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

44. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 27 October 2007 was presented.

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

45. MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Council received an Outside Body report from the Council's representatives on Denham Aerodrome Consultative Committee Meeting, which had been presented to recent Environment Policy Advisory Group (PAG) meeting.

46. POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND STATIONS REVIEW

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive which stated that under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council had a duty to divide the Council area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district and thereafter to keep these arrangements under review.

Members noted that Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 required the Council to undertake a review of the current arrangements for polling districts and polling places by 31 December 2007, and then every four years thereafter. This did not prevent changes being made at any time before the next full review in 2011 if necessary as the Council had a legal duty to designate polling places for each polling district and to keep those polling places under review.

The Returning Officer was separately consulted and made representations on the existing and proposed polling arrangements.

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the revised list of polling stations as set out in Appendix A of the report for inclusion in a new polling places order be approved.

47. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act.

Licensing Committee (Part II) 19 September 2007 - as set out in minute 29.

48. **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Part II report of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 19 September 2007 was presented.

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

49. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 7.21 p.m.