

CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

held on **12 NOVEMBER 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor G Harris - Chairman of the Council
M Harker - Vice-Chairman of the Council

Councillors:	D Bray	Councillors:	C Rouse
	J Burton		J Rush
	I Darby		P Shepherd
	M Flys		L Smith
	C Ford		M Smith
	A Garth		N Southworth
	J Gladwin		M Stannard
	C Jackson		N Varley
	C Jones		J Waters
	D Phillips		C Wertheim
	N Rose		F Wilson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors A Bacon, E Culverhouse, P Jones, R J Jones, J MacBean, P Martin, V Martin, S Patel, M Titterington, D Varley, H Wallace and E Walsh

22 PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

Paul Nanji, the Leisure and Community Manager gave a presentation on social prescribing which offered non clinical social solutions by directing patients into social and community settings as opposed to prescribing medication. Chiltern District Council have three PCN's of which two link workers have been appointed. The three Primary Care Networks are Chesham and Little Chalfont, Amersham and Missenden and the Southern Chalfonts. The key role of Social Prescribing Link workers was to connect patients into community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support and act as an important link between the patient and group.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9RGSF5qtdo&feature=youtu.be>

The Council has appointed a dedicated Social Prescribing Officer who had been tasked with developing strong links between the voluntary and health sector as well as to the supporting voluntary groups in order to be prepared for the roll out of social prescribing. Current work was being undertaken on asset mapping in partnership with Bucks County Council so that local

voluntary groups were linked into the social prescribing network. On 17 October 2019 there was a social prescribing networking conference which was attended by 130 NHS workers and local voluntary group representatives. Further work was being undertaken on organising community connection events in each PCN and bespoke training was being organised with Community Impact Bucks so that local voluntary groups can make the best use of social prescribing.

Members congratulated the Portfolio Holder and officers on the work on the new Scheme which acted as a good preventative measure to residents using their GP surgery. Using national statistics one in five people visit their GP surgery due to loneliness or other non-medical issues. A Member questioned whether success was measured by a reduction in GP visits or medication. The Leisure and Community Manager reported that case study work and health outcomes should provide an overview of the benefits of this Scheme. GPs would also be able to refer people for social prescribing and direct them to the best voluntary group to get more support for example if they had recently been bereaved. Another Member emphasised the importance of signposting services and also using opportunities to build on services locally, particularly making the most of any funding streams. Reference was made to Community Impact Bucks where there was a search mechanism to identify available funding.

23 MINUTES

The minutes of Full Council held on 23 July 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Chairman's Engagements

A list of Engagements carried out by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council between 13 July and 31 October 2019 had been circulated.

(b) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman referred to the gala dinner dance which had been held on Friday 8 November 2019 in aid of his charity Roald Dahl Children's Charity which raised £5,000.

(c) Announcements from the Leader of the Cabinet

The Leader of the Cabinet had no announcements to make.

(d) Announcements from the Acting Chief Executive

The Acting Chief Executive informed Members of the additional Cabinet meeting which had been arranged to take place prior to the full Council meeting on 7 January 2020. This meeting would commence at 4.30pm and was primarily to make a decision in relation to the adoption of the Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule.

The Parliamentary election would be taking place on 12 December. Polling stations would be open across the District from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the count taking place for the Chesham and Amersham constituency overnight at the Chesham Leisure Centre. Poll cards would be reaching residents as of today. Those residents who wished to register for a postal vote should do so before 5 p.m. on 26 November, whilst proxy vote applications should be made by 5 p.m. on 4 December. As a result of the election, the December Planning Committee would now take place on Monday 16 December 2019.

(e) Leofwine Shield

The Leofwine Shield is awarded by the Council each year to the town or village in the District which gains the highest number of points in the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition.

Jordans Village Ltd was this year's winners. In the absence of Cllr Patrick, Chairman of Chalfont St Giles Parish Council, who was unable to attend the meeting, the Chairman of the Council presented the Leofwine Shield to Nicki Gilham Chair of the Management Committee, Councillor Jackie Lomas who was also on the Management Committee and Chris Jenkins, Estate Manager.

Nicki Gilham reflected on the enormous amount of work that was involved with maintaining the various facilities in the village to a very high standard, then thanked the Estate Office and village of Jordans for all their hard work. This was their centenary year with the birth of the village in 1919 when the first commemorative bricks were laid on the foundations of the first house.

26 CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

APPOINTMENT OF LEISURE OPERATOR

Full Council was asked to approve the recommendations of the Cabinet at its meeting on 20 August 2019 that £5.664m be added to the Buckinghamshire Council capital programme to enable capital investment in the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre, Chesham and Chalfont Leisure Centres to be made by the leisure operator.

It was moved by Councillor M Stannard, seconded by Councillor N Varley and

RESOLVED –

That £5.664M be added to the Buckinghamshire Council capital programme to enable capital investment in the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre, Chesham and Chalfont Leisure Centre to be made by the leisure operator.

27 POLITICAL BALANCE

Members considered the Council's revised political balance arising from the resignation of Councillors Titterington, Shepherd and Garth from the Conservative Group on 26 September, 30 October and 4 November 2019 respectively.

The Council's political balance from 4 November 2019 was as follows:-

Conservatives – 35 Councillors

Liberal Democrat – 2 Councillors

Independent Conservative (not a political group) – 1 Councillor

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It was moved by Cllr I Darby, seconded by Councillor M Flys and

RESOLVED

That Council noted the revised political balance and agreed that there be no changes to committee appointments.

28 REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY

Full Council noted the urgent item considered by the Extraordinary Cabinet meeting on 27 August 2019 as required by Section 12.4 of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules. The decision taken related to the Joint Waste Contract procurement with reference to the Shadow Executive's preferred option for the delivery of services.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

29 VERBAL REPORTS FROM THE LEADER, CABINET MEMBERS OR CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE

a) Councillor M Stannard – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Support Services

Councillor Stannard reported that he was delighted to announce that Everyone Active has been awarded the contract to operate Chiltern District Council's leisure centres, including the new Chiltern Lifestyle Centre. The Council has awarded the contract for the next 15 years. Everyone Active would manage the Council's leisure centres in Amersham, Chesham and Chalfont St Peter from 1 April 2020 and would manage the new Chiltern Lifestyle Centre when it opened in 2021. He thanked GLL who had served the Council well as the current leisure operator. Work hopefully should commence on the new Centre on Monday 18 November 2019.

b) Councillor C Jones – Portfolio Holder for Environment

Councillor C Jones reported that the dialogue for the bidders of the new waste contract had finished at the end of last week. The tenders would then be received in early December and evaluated against set criteria. The tender evaluation should be completed by late January, with the procurement process being finalised by mid March and the service going live in September 2020.

c) Councillor P Martin – Portfolio Holder for Planning and Environment

Councillor I Darby reported on behalf of Councillor P Martin who had given his apologies, that the public examination in relation to the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule had taken place on 5 November 2019 and the Inspectors should submit a report in early December 2020.

d) Councillor J Gladwin – Chairman of Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor J Gladwin reported that the external auditors had not been able to sign off the accounts yet due to their staff absence, but confirmed that the

auditors were satisfied with the accounts and therefore they should be signed off shortly. There was one item which still needed to be finalised relating to the valuation of Amersham car park. A second valuation had been obtained which increased the cost of the car park.

30 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (IF ANY)

There were no questions.

31 PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were no petitions.

32 JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (IF ANY)

There were no reports.

33 MOTIONS (IF ANY)

No Motions had been received.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm