

COMMUNITY POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting - 4 December 2014

Present: Mrs Cranmer, Mrs Holloway, Mr Sandy and Mr Walters

Apologies for absence: Mr Brown, Miss Hazell and Mr Kelly

16. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the PAG held on 17 September 2014 were received.

17. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

The PAG received an update on Community Safety matters and were pleased to note from paragraph 3.2 of the report that overall there had been significant decreases in crime and disorder over the last 12 months building on the continued reduction in previous years.

The report updated members on some of the community safety activities undertaken to deliver against the Community Safety Partnership Plan including the following:

- Wintertime Burglary Campaign – focusing on hotspot roads that had been identified through the Peak Seasonal Trends Analysis work.
- The Annual Halloween and Fireworks Campaign – to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour arising from trick or treating.
- The Bi-monthly Community Safety Information Newsletter – circulated to Town, Parish, District and County Councillors to raise awareness of the Community Safety team's current campaigns.
- Multi agency training on the new Anti-Social Behaviour legislation organised by the Community Safety Team.
- White Ribbon Day – The Council had a stand at Sainsbury's in Taplow on 28 November to raise awareness of Domestic Violence.

The PAG was advised that Prevent (Prevention of violent extremism) would become a statutory responsibility for Local Authorities by December 2014. In addition authorities would be required to participate in a CHANNEL panel. The CHANNEL panel for Bucks had been running for a few years and supported vulnerable individuals at risk of being radicalised to obtain support before they engage in extremist activities. The Council would be working with local community groups to raise awareness of the Panel and the process to refer to it.

RESOLVED that the Community Safety report be noted.

18. PORTFOLIO BUDGETS 2015/16

The PAG considered a report seeking approval for the draft revenue budget and fees and charges schedule for 2015/16 for the Community Portfolio. The fees and charges were set out in an appendix in Part II of the agenda.

In considering the report the PAG particularly noted the following inflation assumptions

- Salaries inflation from April 2015 of 1%
- Contracts inflation 2% (unless different rate specified within contract)
- Business rates 2.3%
- Gas -10% (saving on new contract), Electricity 12% and water 5%

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- Other expenditure heads 0%
- Income 2%.

The PAG noted also that the 2015/16 budget of £654,000 was an increase of £27,000 on the current year's approved budget for the reasons given in paragraph 6.4 which included a figure of 2015 district elections which is funded from reserves. If this is excluded the budget shows a year on year reduction.

The PAG were made of aware of the risks within the budget. One of the risks was income from the Academy golf course. In recognition of this risk, the PAG were reminded of the important role the South Buckinghamshire and Farnham Park Advisory Group have to review the actions necessary to mitigate these risks.

Members discussed the potential of transferring the Academy, or its operation, to the Trust. The Director of Resources advised Members that a number of factors would need to be considered before a decision could be made on such a transfer. A report would be brought to members on the issues involved in any changes to the Academy, and this would be informed by specialist charity law advice.

The PAG advised the Portfolio Holder to approve the 2015/16 revenue budget of £654,000 and the 2015/16 fees and charges for submission to Cabinet.

Having considered the advice of the PAG the Portfolio Holder has **APPROVED** for submission to the Cabinet

1. The 2015/16 revenue budget of £654,000
2. The 2015/16 fees and charges

19. **FARNHAM PARK CHARITABLE TRUST BUDGETS 2015/16**

The PAG considered a report on the draft revenue and capital budgets and fees and charges for 2015/16 for the Farnham Charitable Trust. The fees and charges were set out in an appendix in Part II of the agenda.

The PAG noted that the 2015/16 draft budget of £105,000 was a decrease of £2,420 on the current year's approved budget for the reasons given in paragraph 4.3.

The PAG noted the current capital programme for the Farnham Charitable Trust as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

In connection with the risks as set in in paragraph 4.5 the PAG was made aware that the Advisory Panel would be reviewing the actions necessary to mitigate these risks.

In connection to Catering, it was noted that Sustento had ceased trading as of 31 October 2014 and staff had been TUPE transferred to the Council. There had been some differing opinions between the Council and Sustento regarding staff related issues such as pensions and annual leave. The Golf General Manager was in contact with HR at South Bucks for advice.

Members congratulated Mark Young, the Golf General Manager for the efficient way the catering had been dealt with in bringing it in-house.

After considering the effect of the budgets on the Trust Reserves, the PAG advised the Portfolio Holder to approve the 2015/16 revenue budget of £105,000 for submission to Cabinet.

Having considered the comments of the PAG the Portfolio Holder has **APPROVED** for submission to the Cabinet:

- 1) The 2015/16 revenue budget of £105,000
- 2) The 2015/16 capital budget of £35,000
- 3) The 2015/16 fees and charges

20. **DRAFT CHILTERN AND SOUTH BUCKS JOINT COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING PLAN 2015-18**

The PAG considered a report setting out a proposal to develop a Joint Community and Well Being Plan with Chiltern District Council.

The purpose of the plan would enable the joint team to;

- Deliver a service that understands and meets the current and future needs and expectations of the community.
- Create a visible and resilient team that has clear roles and responsibilities but is able to be flexible to changing needs and to maximise opportunities
- Work in partnership with others to maximise delivery and minimise duplication.
- Create a service that can maximise the quality and benefits associated with the leisure management contract.
- Create a service that enables the most vulnerable and hard to reach, to be supported (helping them to access services that will enhance their lives).

The PAG welcomed the report, but had some reservations on how the Community Team would be able to identify local needs and deliver local solutions if a joint plan was developed.

A consultation in 2012, with partners on the current Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Strategic Partnership, revealed the following six themes

- To facilitate community participation, community appraisal and the sustainable development of communities
- To support services that improve opportunities for older people to live fuller, safer, more active and ultimately more fulfilling life styles
- To improve the health and well-being of the population and reduce health inequalities
- To provide an environment for young people to enjoy, stay safe, be healthy, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well-being
- Help to stimulate and support a vibrant local economy
- Help to support, promote and celebrate the rich and diverse wealth of cultural heritage

The PAG agreed that such a plan would benefit communities to access funding and resources available, but were concerned that the needs of South Bucks residents may not be identified under a joint plan, therefore, at this stage proposed that separate wellbeing plans be developed for each authority.

However, Members requested, that a further report be brought back to the PAG once community themes had been set to consider the benefits if any, of a joint well- being plan.

Having considered the comments of the PAG the Portfolio Holder has **AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Cabinet to develop, at this stage, a separate community and wellbeing plan with a view to consider at a later stage to develop a joint community and wellbeing plan Chiltern District.

21. **UPDATE ON THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEERING AWARDS**

The PAG received a report providing an update on the success of the annual Chairman's Community and Volunteering Awards and seeking advice on the format of 2014/15 awards.

The Chairman's Community & Volunteering awards have been held annually since 2005, recognising and rewarding the fantastic contribution of local residents who give their time freely for the benefit of others.

The awards ceremony offers a diverse range of categories as set out below:

Adult Category	Young People Category
Sports Activator	Young Carer
Community Champion	Young Volunteer
Good Friend	Young Hero
Dedication Award	Young Sports Star

The ceremony attended by 80 people was a huge success, there was excellent feedback with many attendees stating how much they enjoyed the evening.

In connection with format for future years the PAG supported the suggestions made in the report, particularly the following:

- Members are asked for their thoughts on how we may increase engagement to encourage greater promotion of the event with residents.
- Investigating if the media may support the promotion of the event to enable more nominations to be received.
- Investigate additional sponsorship options.
- Closer partnership working with schools to improve number of nominations received for young people.

Members also suggested producing early publicity regarding the event and nomination for the awards.

After considering the report the PAG acknowledged the positive work of officers in organising the event.

22. **OUTSIDE BODY REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

None received.

23. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Resignation of Chief Constable Sara Thornton

The Portfolio Holder advised the PAG that chief constable of Thames Valley Police had announced she was resigning to take up her new position in April as chairperson of the National Police Chiefs' Council.

24. **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Portfolio Holder Budgets 2015/16

(Schedule 12A Part 1 Para (3) because of information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular individual)

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In connection with minute 19, following the comments of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder approved for submission to the Cabinet the proposed fees and charges for 2015/16 for the Community Portfolio.

Farnham Charitable Trust Budgets 2015/2016

(Schedule 12A Part 1 Para (3) – because of information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular individual)

In connection with minute 20, following the comments of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder approved for submission to the Cabinet the proposed fees and charges in respect of Farnham Charitable Trust.

The meeting terminated at 7.25 pm