

South Bucks District Council

Portfolio Holder Decision

Notice is given that the following decisions have been taken by the Portfolio Holder on Tuesday, 13 June 2017

5 Home Energy Conservation Act Progress Report

(a) DECISION:

The PAG received a report inviting it to comment on the draft Home Energy Conservation Act Progress Report which the Council is legally required to publish.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **RESOLVED** that the draft Home Energy Conservation Act Progress Report 2017 be approved for publication.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

The Council has a statutory obligation to publish a progress report.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

As the Council has a statutory obligation to publish the progress report there is no other option available.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

6 Summer Youth Diversionary Programme

(a) DECISION:

The PAG's advice was sought on whether the Portfolio Holder should agree to provide financial support to voluntary organisations to deliver summer holiday activities.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, which sought further information on costs and the hot spots areas that would be targeted, the Portfolio Holder **RESOLVED** that financial support be provided to voluntary youth sector organisations to deliver summer holiday activities.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

Voluntary youth sector organisations often suspend sessions over the summer holiday. Providing funding for youth organisations enables them to deliver a range of summer holiday activities and maintain a consistent level of support to our younger residents; thus reducing the opportunity for young people to engage in Anti - Social Behaviour.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option not to allocate funding was considered but it was felt that this would result in an inconsistent level of support for young people over the summer holiday period.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

7 **Air Quality Update and Potential for Creating a Clean Air Zone in Iver**

(a) DECISION:

The PAG received a report on air quality in Iver including provisional results to date of the local diffusion tube network and noted the intention to continue to monitor the nitrogen dioxide levels.

The report also explained how the use of a Clean Air Zone could assist the Council in tackling air pollution in the future.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **RESOLVED** that

1. In the event of the annual mean being exceeded after a full year of data being captured (January 2018) approval be given to proceed to the declaration of Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).
2. Should an AQMA be declared, that approval also be given to proceed to create a voluntary "Clean Air Zone" in Iver, with an aim of reducing nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) levels and working with partner agencies to manage both local freight traffic and that associated with National Infrastructure Project with funding being met from the HS2 contingency fund.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

Local Authorities have limited powers to mitigate the cumulative impact of construction and operational traffic associated with national infrastructure projects. The creation of a local Clean Air Zone in Iver, would support any AQMA and provide a

further broader framework to take targeted action and would also strengthen the case for seeking additional mitigation on national projects.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The duty to monitor and report Local Air Quality and to declare Air Quality Management Areas is clearly defined within the Environmental Protection Act 1990. There is no requirement to create a Clean Air Zone, but the authority would be required to create an Air Quality Action Plan demonstrating actions to reduce pollution levels.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None

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