

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

CABINET

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 2009 AT 4.30 P.M.

IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Stanley, N.K.	Leader of the Council
Freeman, M. P.	Deputy Leader of the Council and Housing Portfolio Leader
Davies, D.N.	Access to Education, Skills, and Employment Portfolio Leader
Grocott, M.R.	Culture, Sport and Services for Children & Young People Portfolio Leader
Jillings, J.	Safe, Strong and Cohesive Communities Portfolio Leader
Williams, A.	Environmental Sustainability Portfolio Leader
Yates, Ms. W.	Healthier Communities and Older People Portfolio Leader

77. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 October, 2009 be approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

68. Briefing Note – Remembrance Services, 2009

Councillor J. Burnett attended the Hednesford Remembrance Service, not Councillor Ms. W. Yates.

78. Updates from Portfolio Leaders

No matters were raised by Portfolio Leaders.

79. Forward Plan

Consideration was given to the Forward Plan of Decisions for the period November, 2009 – February, 2010 (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan of Decisions for the period November, 2009 – February, 2010, be approved.

80. Part 1 Minutes of Policy Development Committees

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Policy Development Committees be received for information:
- (i) Access to Education, Skills and Employment – 16 September, 2009
 - (ii) Environment Sustainability – 21 September, 2009
 - (iii) Safe, Strong and Cohesive Communities – 22 September, 2009
 - (iv) Culture, Sport and Services for Children and Young People – 24 September, 2009

81. Implications form the Public Enquiry into the September 2005 Outbreak of E.Coli 0157 in South Wales (The Pennington Inquiry)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Service Improvement (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.11 of the Official Minutes of the Council)

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the findings of the Inquiry be noted.
- (B) That the actions taken (by Officers) to date, and proposed for the future be endorsed, in order to ensure full implementation of the recommendations of the Inquiry.

Reasons for the Decision

The Pennington Inquiry highlighted that it is essential that inspections of butchers, and all food premises, be carried out by competent officers and that detailed records are held concerning the conditions found and the questions asked of proprietors and employees. The actions proposed in section 4.8 of the report would ensure that the Environmental Health Division fully complied with the recommendations of the Pennington Report and Officers would continue to act quickly to protect the health and wellbeing of the community.

82. External Advertising on the Council's Website

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.12 of the Official Minutes of the Council.)

Councillor C. Collis attended for this item.

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The principle of introducing commercial advertising on the Council's website be approved.

- (B) An external organisation be employed to source and facilitate advertisements for placement on the Council's website to generate revenue.
- (C) The PR & Marketing Manager be authorised to negotiate with specialist suppliers of public sector website advertising to secure a deal which is the most advantageous for the Council.
- (D) It be noted that adverts which conflict with the Council's own objectives and financial targets as set out in the Corporate Plan and budget would not be shown on the website.

Reason for the Decision

The report outlined the possibilities of generating income through external advertising on the Council's website. This would be in the form of commercial advertisements placed within the Council's website pages by an external advertising agent in return for advertising revenue.

There would be a small initial financial outlay and minimal staff resource requirements.

83. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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84. Development Options for the Future of Chase Leisure Centre, Cannock

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Director of Organisational Improvement (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.17 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the contents of the condition surveys and the potential risks associated with the continued operation of the Chase Leisure Centre building be noted.
- (B) That Option 2A be selected as the preferred development option to be taken forward from those outlined in the Feasibility Study.
- (C) That Council be recommended to approve the addition of the preferred option (Option 2A) project to the Council's Capital Programme.
- (D) That the funding options and implications of the preferred option (Option 2A) be noted and Council be recommended to approve the necessary prudential borrowing.
- (E) That the current status of bids for grant funding lodged with Sport England during September, 2009, the outcome received in November, be noted and approval be granted for up to £12,000 to develop the second stage bid for the preferred option (Option 2A).
- (F) That Council be recommended to approve the full contract value of the preferred option (Option 2A) in order to implement a Design and Build procurement and procure professional services.
- (G) That further reports be received during 2010 in respect of Permission to Spend on the professional services and the preferred scheme prior to contractual commitments being made.

Reason for the Decision

The outcomes of condition surveys conducted at the Chase Leisure Centre made it important for Cabinet to give formal consideration to the options available to address the future of the Chase

Leisure Centre facility.

85. Former Tenants' Arrears Recommended for Write-Off

Consideration was given to a Not for Publication Report of the Director of Service Improvement (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the former tenants' arrears as detailed in Annex 1 of the report be approved for write off.

Reason for the Decision

There was no reasonable prospect of the Council recovering the debts, therefore, writing them off was the best course of action.

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