

REGENERATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

12 NOVEMBER 2013

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)

Councillors: Christopher Akers-Belcher, Kevin Cranney, Keith Dawkins, and Keith Fisher.

Also Present: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5.2;
Councillor Brenda Loynes as substitute for Councillor
Dr George Morris.
Councillor Jim Ainslie as substitute for Councillor
Stephen Akers-Belcher.

Officers: Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
John Mennear, Assistant Director, Community Services
Damien Wilson, Assistant Director, Regeneration
Antony Steinberg, Economic Regeneration Manager
Joan Stevens, Scrutiny Manager
Steve Hilton, Public Relations Officer
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

61. Apologies for Absence

Councillors S Akers-Belcher and Dr Morris.

62. Declarations of Interest

None.

63. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2013

Confirmed.

64. Hartlepool Indoor Sports Facility Strategy *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

Type of decision

Key Decision (test (ii)) Forward Plan Reference No. CAS020/13.

Purpose of report

The report is for members to consider the draft Indoor Sports Facility Strategy for adoption. It was important for the Borough to have a current 'Indoor Sports Facility Strategy' and the revised document provided an update on the current 2007 Strategy.

The provision of the existing Playing Pitch Strategy 2012 and Indoor Facilities Strategy 2007 had ensured Hartlepool Borough had been well served with contemporary data to assist in the development of business cases when bidding for external grants and being able to demonstrate need. The recent success with Brierton Sports Centre 3G pitch being a most recent example

Furthermore having a current and updated Strategy would assist in delivering the emerging Vision for the town and support the current review of existing facilities. A summary of the Strategy document was given within the report with a full copy being available in the Member's Library.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Assistant Director, Community Services reported that previous Indoor Sport Facilities Strategy had been adopted in October 2007. The new strategy document would complement the Borough's revised Playing Pitch Strategy approved by Cabinet in December 2012 and together, would facilitate the effective planning and provision of leisure facilities in the future as well as provide a firm foundation upon which policy decisions and funding for future development in line with current Government recommendations can be based.

The Assistant Director outlined the development process of the new Indoor Sport Facilities Strategy including the response received during the consultation phase. A copy of the full document had been placed in the Members library for information. The Assistant Director highlighted the comment received from Sport England which indicated that the document was a "thorough and well reasoned strategy which sets out a clear way forward for indoor facility provision in Hartlepool". The Chair echoed the Sports England comment and congratulated the team that had developed the new strategy.

Decision

1. That the Indoor Sports Facility Strategy 2013 incorporating the revisions as identified in the report from the consultation period be approved.

2. That officer's continue to explore the management and procurement options available in order to deliver facility developments.

65. Loan of Painting: Gala Day at Newlyn (*Assistant Director of Child and Adult Services, Community Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To seek authorisation for the temporary loan of a painting from the Museum Collection to an UK Accredited Gallery and Museum during 2014.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Assistant Director, Community Services reported that the Culture and Information Services had been approached by Penlee Art Gallery and Museum of Penzance to request the temporary loan of our painting "Gala Day at Newlyn" by Stanhope Forbes (HAPMG 1920.74) for inclusion in their exhibition "Model Citizens : Myths and Realities".

The exhibition will take place at the Penlee Art Gallery and Museum of Penzance, a single venue located in Cornwall, between 14th June and 6th September 2014. The Council had lent to this venue several times in the past and had good relationships with the organisation and its curatorial staff. All associated costs of the loan of this item would be covered by Penlee Art Gallery and Museum of Penzance.

Decision

That the loan of the painting "Gala Day at Newlyn" by Stanhope Forbes to the Penlee Art Gallery and Museum of Penzance be approved.

66. Savings Programme 2014/15 – Regeneration Services Division (*Director of Neighbourhood Services*)

Type of decision

For information, members of the Committee are recommended to note the content of this report and formulate a response to be presented to Finance and Policy Committee on 29 November 2013.

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report was to identify proposals for the delivery of savings in respect of the Regeneration Division for consideration as part of the 2014/15 budget process.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Assistant Director, Regeneration reported that as part of the 2014/15 Savings Programme, a number of service areas had been identified where potential savings could be made. As part of the process for the budget for

2014/15 it had been agreed that individual Policy Committees would consider these savings proposals prior to consideration by Finance and Policy Committee and then Council.

Details were provided in the report in relation to the:-

- i) Proposals identified to make the savings;
- ii) Risks associated with the proposed savings; and
- iii) Financial considerations taken into account in developing the proposals.

The Assistant Director outlined the proposals within the report relating to the Economic Regeneration, Planning Services, Building Control and Estate and Asset Management sections. It was indicated that a separate report would be submitted in relation to the Housing services section. The proposed savings were summarised as follows: -

Service	Proposed Savings
Planning Services	£9,000
Economic Regeneration	£63,000
Building Control	£38,000
Total Proposed Savings	£110,000

Members questioned the contribution made by the Council in support of Tees Valley Unlimited and if this was being reviewed. The Assistant Director indicated that the savings proposal included a reduction in the Council's overall contribution to the body, circa £16,000 which related to a reduction in rent, however, given the financial challenges facing the Council, further consideration would need to be given to a potential of a reduction in the Council's contribution to the TVU in future years. A report exploring this position will be presented to Members in due course and officers were asked to ensure that as part of this report details be included of funding levels and changes from the inception of the TVU to present day.

Members reluctantly supported the savings proposals set out within the report.

Decision

That the report be noted and Members' comments be reported to the Finance and Policy Committee on 29 November 2013.

67. Savings Programme 2014/15 – Community Services (Assistant Director, Community Services)

Type of decision

For information, members of the Committee are recommended to note the content of this report and formulate a response to be presented to Finance

and Policy Committee on 29 November 2013.

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report was to identify proposals for the delivery of savings in respect of Community Services for consideration as part of the 2014/15 budget process.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Assistant Director, Community Services reported that as part of the 2014/15 Savings Programme, a number of service areas had been identified where potential savings could be made. As part of the process for the budget for 2014/15 it had been agreed that individual Policy Committees would consider these savings proposals prior to consideration by Finance and Policy Committee and then Council.

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The Assistant Director outlined the proposals in relation to the Library Service, Sport and Recreation, Carlton Outdoor Education Centre, and Culture and Information. The proposed savings were summarised as follows: -

Service	Proposed Savings
Sports Income and cost reduction	£75,000
Carlton OEC	£31,000
Sport & Recreation management review & restructure	£30,000
Culture Management restructure	£70,000
Library Services Review	£43,000
Culture income and cost reduction	£17,000
Total Proposed Savings	£266,000

The Assistant Director indicated that the Library Service budget savings would be subject to a further report to the next meeting of the Committee. The Assistant Director also highlighted that there may be an additional post at risk through the savings proposed in the Sport and Recreation team. Further savings may also accrue when the Cultural and Information services section transferred to the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods department through realignment of common roles though this may put further posts at risk of redundancy.

Members commented that elements of the Culture Management Review may be subject to reorganised savings as a report recently deferred by the Finance and Policy Committee in relation to communication and public relations highlighted the need to take into consideration the potential for the

combination of marketing / promotion activities into one expanded communications and public relations team. This may provide the opportunity to transfer staff to take up any new positions that may be created within the expanded team.

Members reluctantly supported the savings proposals set out within the report.

Decision

That the report be noted and Members comments be reported to the Finance and Policy Committee on 29 November 2013.

68. Annual Complaints Report – 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 *(Assistant Director, Community Services)*

Type of decision

For information.

Purpose of report

To present the Annual Complaints Report of the Child and Adult Services Department on complaints and representations for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Assistant Director, Community Services reported that the complaints and compliments received by the Community Services Division were contained within the annual report for the wider Child and Adult Services Department. The report set out a sample of the numerous compliments received and brief details of the five complaints received.

The Chair commented that the small number of complaints received by the division reflected the excellent service provided by staff.

Decision

That the report and its online publication be noted.

69. Lankellychase Foundation Funding Opportunity *(Assistant Director, Regeneration)*

Type of decision

For information only.

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report was to inform members of an application submitted by the Council to the LankellyChase Foundation.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Economic Regeneration Manager reported that the LankellyChase

Foundation was an independent charitable funder focused on addressing severe and multiple disadvantages. The LankellyChase Foundation's mission was to bring about change to improve the lives of people facing severe and multiple disadvantages. By this, the Foundation means people who were experiencing a combination of severe social harms such as homelessness, substance misuse, mental illness, extreme poverty and violence and abuse. All of these issues lead to wider socio-economic issues including adults being excluded from the labour market and being socially isolated.

The tender outlined that any project must transform the lives of individuals and families who face a combination of severe disadvantages at one time. LankellyChase has stated that there is up to £5 million to fund up to 40 projects, which would be in the form of a grant. The Council contacted LankellyChase on Wednesday 30th October 2013 and were advised that the next deadline for submitting an application is 8th November 2013, with the LankellyChase Board meeting on 27th November 2013 where they will make a decision on submitted applications.

Following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair it was agreed that a bid be made to the foundation for funding. To meet the requirements of LankellyChase Foundation funding, the Council has designed a project which would focus on providing support to working age adults with mental health problems who live in extreme poverty to remove barriers to employment. Hartlepool's project will be called 'Promoting Change, Transforming Lives'. The Council had bid for £250,000 from LankellyChase.

Members welcomed the proposal as, if successful, the scheme would meet the needs of people who had been identified as missing out on other schemes and funding programmes.

Decision

That the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 9.55 am.

P J DEVLIN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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