

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCRUTINY PANEL

Held in the Council Chamber, The Symington Building,  
Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough.

14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Councillor Bowles, Chairman.

Councillors: Champion, Chapman, Dann (ex officio), Elliott, Nunn, Rickman, Mrs Simpson & Tomlin.

Officers: I. Bartlett, T. Day, A. M. Hawkins, G. Keeping, J. Kemp and S. Pickering.

Guest: D. Seivewright (Capital Investment Manager, NHS Property Services)

547 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman advised the Panel that, since Cllr Brodrick had become a member of The Executive, it was necessary to appoint a new Vice-Chairman for the Panel.

It was proposed by Councillor Bowles and seconded by Councillor Champion that Councillor Nunn be appointed Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the 2015/16 year. There being no further nominations, it was

RESOLVED that: Councillor Nunn be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Panel for the remainder of the 2015/16 year.

548 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTION(S)

None had been received.

549 MINUTES

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Leadership Panel held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

550 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Mrs Simpson      Cllr Mrs Simpson declared an interest under Item 5, Update on Harborough Hospital Progress. The nature of the interest was stated to be that she was employed by the partners of the Market Harborough Medical Centre, who work closely with NHS bodies locally.

## 551 UPDATE ON HARBOROUGH HOSPITAL PROGRESS

The Chairman invited Daryl Seivewright to join the Panel to give an oral update on the progress of the Harborough Hospital project. The update is reproduced below:

*“Chairman, Councillors, good evening. Thank you for this opportunity to update you on the ongoing development to provide a new integrated services health hub within the St Luke’s Hospital site in Market Harborough.*

*Programme: The integrated services health hub development at St Luke’s Hospital is progressing well and is currently on programme to achieve planned completion in January 2017. Key building elements such as the steel frame, floor construction and underground drainage are now complete. The current weather has not affected programme to date.*

*Local Authority Planning Department: The local authority planning department has been most supportive and all current planning conditions have now been discharged. It is a post occupation planning requirement that a travel plan be undertaken. This will be undertaken by the new building occupants with professional guidance from NHS Property Services.*

*Health, Safety & Security: No reportable accidents have been experienced by the main contractor Morgan Sindall during the works. It has been confirmed that Morgan Sindall’s site compound was broken into on the evening of the 11th April. Morgan Sindall has reported the theft of some materials from within their site compound. Morgan Sindall has duly informed the local Police and is considering the possible installation of CCTV surveillance to the site compound.*

*Neighbouring Residents: Morgan Sindall has undertaken a letter-drop to Neighbouring Residents providing information on the current status of the project. Morgan Sindall has received no complaints from residents at this time. NHS Property Services has agreed to work with a neighbour to the rear of the hospital site to overcome a separate boundary issue. A satisfactory resolution with the neighbour has now been agreed.*

*Project Milestones: NHS Property Services, in conjunction with key stakeholders, proudly marked the start of the project with an inaugural turf cutting event on the 30th November 2015. More recently, on the 17th March 2016, NHS Property Services and Morgan Sindall jointly conducted a topping out ceremony to celebrate the completion of the steel frame structure.*

*Communications team: Sadly Emma Shaw has left the employment NHS Property Services Communications team to take on a new post elsewhere. Jeremy Peters from the NHS Property Services Communications team will be taking on Emma’s duties in the interim, including acting as the Communications lead person for the St Luke’s Project.*

*This is the conclusion of the update from NHS Property Services”.*

Questions and comments were invited from the Panel and the following were noted:

<b>Question/ Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
What was the original date for completion of the project?	January 2017 – the project is on target.
Will you be giving future updates on the project?	Myself, Jeremy Peters, or both.

The Panel thanked Daryl Seivewright for the update.

## 552 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – NEW POWERS

The Panel considered the paper “Anti-Social behaviour – New Powers” that set out the actions taken by the Council in response to anti-social behaviour and the use of available powers. Officers present provided the Panel with examples of case studies and their experiences one year on from the implementation of new powers through the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, 2014.

Questions and comments were invited from the Panel and the following were noted:

Question/ Comment	Response
Has there been an increase in fly tipping during 2015/16? If so, what is the cost to the Council?	Yes, there has been a 12% increase in 2015/16. Fly tipping is covered within the fixed sum of the contract and there is no additional cost to the Council, except in relation to any tipping of hazardous waste.
What is the cause for the increase in fly tipping?	There are a number of small factors, but the most significant is thought to be the reduction in the opening hours of tip sites and the introduction of charges at sites for everything except household waste.  Tip site opening hours are outside the direct control of the Council, but the issue affects other authorities and has been raised with Leicestershire County Council through a monthly officer group.
What is the split between the elements of green and household waste that are being fly tipped?	Household items are by far the largest category; green waste is quite low in comparison.  It was AGREED that figures showing costs and the break down between different types of fly tipped waste over the last five years would be provided to Panel members.
Is a target response speed for tipping incidents included in the contract?	The target is five working days.
Can the Council target businesses outside its area whose packaging / products are identified among fly tipped material (e.g. fast food chains)?	Yes, if there is enough evidence.
What is the impact of the recently implemented charge for green waste collections expected to be on the level of fly tipping?	Officers have been in discussion with authorities that have recently introduced such a charge and the evidence suggests that no significant increase in green waste tipping should be expected.
What advice can officers offer in relation to one-off / first time complaints about bonfires?	The response would depend on the size of the fire and other factors. The Council has a code of conduct for bonfires which seeks to encourage composting and recycling.

The Panel thanked officers for their contribution to the discussion and NOTED the report and the approach taken by the Council.

553 TO CONSIDER MATTERS OF URGENCY

None were raised.

The Meeting ended at 7:11 p.m.