

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

held in the Sports Pavilion and Community Centre, Coventry Road, Lutterworth

held on 22 April 2013,

commencing at 5.00p.m.

Present:

Councillor Rook (Leader).

Councillors: Mrs. Ackerley, Dann, Golding, Holyoak, Spendlove-Mason.

Officers: Anna Graves, Beth Murgatroyd, Norman Proudfoot

555 PORTFOLIO HOLDER ACTIVITY

i) Health and Wellbeing

Cllr Holyoak announced that he had attended a Community Resilience Workshop run for parishes. The attendance from parishes at the workshop had been good. He had also attended the quarterly meeting with VASL

ii) Regulatory and Safety

Cllr Golding announced that on 28 March 2013 he had attended Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board

iii) Finance and Assets

Cllr Spendlove-Mason informed the Executive that he had attended a seminar on energy efficiency and 'the green deal'. He had passed information to the Portfolio Holder for the Health and Wellbeing following this session

iv) Business Growth

Cllr Rook announced that he had joined the mourners at Baroness Thatcher's funeral.

556 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 25 March 2013 be approved and signed as a true record.

557 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None received.

## 558LUTTERWORTH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Consideration was given to the amendment of the Air Quality Management Order in Lutterworth to extend the boundary of the current Order. The Council had declared Lutterworth Air Quality management area in 2001 as the area could not achieve the annual mean objective set out in the National Air Quality Strategy for nitrogen dioxide. The main source of nitrogen dioxide in Lutterworth was traffic related.

The Executive reviewed the current plan and considered the action planning framework which set out the methodology for the assessment of traffic management and road layout modification schemes. The framework set out the stakeholders in the assessment process and how potential schemes would be evaluated

RESOLVED that

- i) the Assistant Director of Community Services be authorised to sign the Order to amend the Air Quality Management Area in Lutterworth
- ii) the Draft Air Quality Action Plan Framework be adopted subject to the outcome of the statutory consultation process.
- iii) the Assistant Director of Community Services be authorised to consider any representations received during the consultation process regarding the content of framework document for inclusion into the Final Air Quality Action Plan Framework. Any representations received regarding potential schemes will be assessed in accordance with the methodology set out in the Air Quality Action Plan Framework.

### Summary of Reasons

Under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 there is a requirement for all Local Authorities to assess their local air quality and to predict future conditions against the national air quality objectives.

Where a local authority believes that the national air quality standards are not going to be met they have a duty to declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

Generally the air quality in the district is good however the annual mean National Air Quality Objective for nitrogen dioxide is not being met in an area of Lutterworth and an AQMA was declared for this area in 2001.

Under the Air Quality Management regime the Council has a duty to report to the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on the state of the air quality within the district.

Through the reporting process a potential exceedance of the National Air Quality Objective for Nitrogen Dioxide beyond the boundary of the existing AQMA in Lutterworth was identified and the decision was made by the Executive Members on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to amend the AQMA. Once the decision has been made to amend an AQMA the local authority must undertake a further assessment to confirm the extent of the variation and to establish the proportion of pollution emanating from each source. For Lutterworth the pollution levels all relate to emissions from road vehicles consequently it was necessary to apportion the source coming from each vehicle type using the local road network.

The results of this further assessment confirmed that the existing air quality management area needs to be extended further along Rugby Road in Lutterworth. The proposed Order for the amended AQMA can be found in appendix A. The assessment also confirmed that HGV's vehicle movements within the AQMA are low however they contribute to between 40-45% of the emissions of Nitrogen Dioxide. Cars make up the highest proportion of vehicle movements and also contribute between 40-45% of the pollution level.

In addition, following the amendment of the AQMA it is necessary to review the Air Quality Action Plan for the area in conjunction with the County Council's Local Transport Plan. A draft framework document has been developed in conjunction with officers at Leicestershire County Council to provide an up date on the existing Action Plan and sets out the methodology for assessing traffic management and road layout modification schemes to maximise their impact on improving the local air quality.

The council is required by the Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance (LAQM.PG.(09)) to consult stakeholders on how it will address the air quality issue through its Action Plan

#### 559 BROADBAND COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

RESOLVED that

- i) the current position regarding the Leicestershire County Council Super Fast Broadband (SFBB) project ("the Project") be noted.
- ii) the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and Portfolio Holder be authorised to negotiate and enter into a Collaboration Agreement for the delivery of the Project.

#### Summary of Reasons f

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 Council resolved to commit partnership funding of up to £530,000 to deliver improved broadband connectivity across the Harborough District Council area. Discussions have been ongoing with all local authorities regarding a Collaboration Agreement for the provision of the Project. To date agreement has not been reached on the detail of the agreement. However, to ensure that there is no delay in the timetable for the delivery of the project, it is proposed that Leicestershire County Council procure the infrastructure project without the financial contributions from the district authorities. The successful supplier will provide a technical solution based on the funding from LCC/BDUK and ERDF already in place.

A 31 week procurement schedule started at the end of January 2013 and it is anticipated that a contract will be awarded by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013.

The contract will be on a "change control" basis, which will enable other authorities to sign up to the contract with the successful supplier, when the Collaboration Agreement is in place and when there is clarity as to what each authority's financial contribution can deliver.

#### 560 CLIMATE LOCAL

The Executive was advised that Climate Local had replaced the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change, which the Council signed on 22 January 2007

RESOLVED that

- i) approval be given to signing up to the Climate Local commitment as set out in Appendix A
- ii) a Climate Local Action Plan be developed and brought back to a future Executive meeting for approval.

#### Summary of Reasons

The Council is already a signatory to the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change

Becoming a signatory to Climate Local will renew the Council's commitment to action on Climate Change.

Through the Leicestershire Together Partnership: Environment Board, all partner councils have been encouraged to sign up to the initiative as detailed in the minute 47 of the Leicestershire Environment on Wednesday 28 November 2012.

#### 561 NAMING OF COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

The recommendation of the Executive Advisory Panel – Redevelopment of the Council Headquarters on the naming of the Council headquarters was considered by the Executive. The Panel had suggested 'The Symingtons'. The Executive also received a briefing note on considerations to bear in mind when naming such developments

**RECOMMENDED that the decision to name the Council Headquarters building be made by Council taking into account the officer briefing note attached.**

#### Summary of Reasons

The redevelopment of the Council's headquarters and the creation of a heritage hub for the community is an important project for the local community.

In recognition of this members were keen to listen to community views on the naming of the new building. Informal soundings and expressions in the local media were clear that the new name should reflect the historic use of the site.

The naming of the building was considered by the Executive Advisory Panel – Redevelopment of Council Headquarters on 27 February 2013. Members considered that the building already had a well recognised local name and decided to recommend "The Symingtons" as a simple and appropriate name that would be meaningful to local people. It is important that a decision is taken now, as the Council will be soon be preparing to market the retail units and the "branding" of the site is an essential part of this.

The meeting closed at 6.15.pm

  
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