

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

held in the Council Chamber, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve St, Market Harborough

held on 8 May 2017,

commencing at 5.00p.m.

Present:

Clr Pain (Chair),

Councillors: Brodrick, Hallam, King, Mrs Page and Rickman

Officers: D. Atkinson, S. Hamilton, N.Proudfoot, S. Riley and V. Wenham

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Bannister.

MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 20 March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT LOCAL LOTTERY

The Executive considered the establishment and management of a local authority lottery for Harborough District that would support the voluntary and community sector, by easing the financial strains on the Council and also enable good causes to raise funds directly.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the establishment of a Local Authority Lottery be approved and responsibility be delegated to the Corporate Director (NP) to procure, award and conclude a contract for external management of a lottery on behalf of the Council in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.
- ii) authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (NP) to act as the responsible officer in relation to the lottery licence with the Gambling Commission, if required.
- iii) the final arrangements of launching the lottery be delegated to the Corporate Director (NP) in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Portfolio Holder.

Summary of Reasons

The establishment of a local authority lottery would help alleviate the pressures on the council's voluntary sector budget as well as supporting the voluntary sector whilst moving the council's role from provider/ funder to an enabler – as set out in the Councils Voluntary Sector Policy 2015-2020. This development would enable the voluntary sector to access a lottery product that is designed for them and at no cost to them as well as helping the sector raise funds and maintain long term relationships with their supporters.

LUBENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Executive considered the recommendations of the Examiner into the Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED that:

i) the Independent Examiner's recommended changes to the Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan are accepted in full as set out in the schedule at Appendix A to the report, and the recommendation that the amended Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum of voters within the Parish of Lubenham to establish whether the Plan should form part of the Development Plan for the Harborough District be noted.

ii) the holding of a referendum relating to the Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan on 20th July 2017 that will include all of the registered electors in Lubenham Parish be approved.

Summary of Reasons

The Examiner's report into the Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan was received on 13th March 2017. The Examiner considered the Plan along with the representations received when the Plan was published by the Council. The report recommended to the Council that, subject to the modifications proposed (as set out in Appendix A to the report), the Plan should proceed to a referendum.

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, (Regulation 18) sets out the matters that the District Council should consider at this stage in the Neighbourhood Plan making process. The District Council must consider each of the recommendations made by the Examiner in their report, including the reasons for them, and decide what action to take in response to each recommendation (as set out in Appendix A to the report).

It was considered that the recommended modifications should be incorporated into the plan and noted by the Executive in order to ensure that the plan is robust, sound, meets the Basic Conditions and comprises a user-friendly and efficient document. Liaison with Lubenham Parish Council confirms that they are happy to accept these recommendations. On this basis, the Plan should then proceed to a referendum in Lubenham Parish to determine if local people support it.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan Group and Lubenham Parish Council.

The evidence provided to the Examiner indicates that an inclusive and comprehensive approach was made during the preparation of the Plan and this ensured that the input and opinions of a wide variety of stakeholders across the parish contributed to the preparation of the Plan. Comments were pro-actively sought and those received were duly considered by the Examiner. There is a written record of the ways that consultation has benefitted the Lubenham Neighbourhood Plan. The Examiner was accordingly satisfied that the consultation process has '*complied with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and that the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act, in accordance with 15(1) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations*'.

In proceeding to a referendum with a plan that meets the prescribed Basic Conditions, the whole

community will be afforded the opportunity to vote on the future development of the village and wider parish of Lubenham.

SECTION 100A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the following items on the grounds that the matter yet to be discussed involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

CEMETERY STRATEGY AND CEMETERY SITE ASSESSMENTS

The Executive noted that the initial contract was awarded following the application of the exemption contained in paragraph 7.1.7 of the Council's procurement SORP.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the findings and recommendations contained in the Harbrough Cemetery and Burial Strategy (as set out in Appendix A to the report) be noted and accepted.
- (ii) the appointment of a suitable consultant (Enzygo) to undertake the site assessments as recommended in the Cemetery and Burial Strategy and identify a new cemetery site that can be allocated in the emerging Harbrough Local Plan be approved.
- (iii) the Site Assessment Studies and report from The Earmarked Planning Reserve be funded.
- (iv) it be noted that the resulting Site Assessment Report will provide sufficient information to allow a planning application for a new cemetery site to be made and to fulfil the requirements for a Compulsory Purchase Order, should this be required.
- (v) subject to the outcome of (i) above, that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (BJ) in consultation with the Head of Democratic and Legal Services to take whatever steps are necessary to implement any decision.

Summary of Reasons

To ensure the outcomes of the Harbrough Cemetery and Burial Strategy will be used as an evidence base document to support the preparation of the Local Plan and to identify and assess sites for additional burial provision in and around Market Harbrough through allocation of a site in the Local Plan. To identify options for securing appropriate land for burial provision within the Local Plan.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.


..... Chairman


..... Date

