

HOUSING & HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Lowe (Chairman)

Cllr. Parkin (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Dr. Canet, Eyre, Halford, Horwood, Parkin, Parson, Pearsall, Scott and Ms. Tennessee

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Bosley and Gaywood

Cllrs. McGregor and Thornton were also present.

30. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

31. Declarations of Interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

32. Actions from Previous Meetings

There were none.

33. Update from Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder's update was noted. Members also received an update on the Wildernesse Sports Centre site, advising that there would be a report to Cabinet on 21 April 2016.

34. Referrals from Cabinet or the Audit Committee

There were none.

35. Disabled Facilities Grant Update

The Housing Standards Team Leader presented the report and tabled some [further information](#) on improvements made by the team since the introduction of the new in house Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) process, team structure, some case studies and a [leaflet](#) given out on promoting independence.

It was noted that by bringing the service in house further efficiencies had been achieved to the benefit of customers, and the team were continually looking at further ways to streamline the service.

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There would be further promotion of the service in April, with an article in InShape, leaflets to Parish and Town Councils, local charities and organisations, and further contact ideas were welcomed.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

36. District Deal and Health Priorities

The Health and Communities Manager presented the report and Members received a [presentation](#) on the potential health improvement arrangements and work on the three key health priorities.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

37. Emerging legislation and related strategy

The Chairman, Chief Housing Officer and Chief Planning Officer presented the report which provided Members with progress on the Housing and Planning Bill and preparations for the development of an updated housing strategy. It also provided background information for the topic discussion to enable Members to further develop the District Council's directions of travel in relation to future housing strategy. To further enable discussion [packs](#) were tabled.

Members considered the Group A recommendations arising from the Members workshop in December, contained within the [supplementary agenda](#), point by point. Members concurred with all the actions noted as agreed, subject to point 4 which had not been agreed but Members were keen that wheelchair accessibility was included somewhere. When discussing high density, the emphasis was on a desire for 'high quality' high density developments. It was intended that further work be carried out on these points and final recommendations sent to Cabinet.

Members broke away into smaller groups to discuss prioritising the [list](#) of interim Housing Strategy options that required funding, these papers were collected in for evaluation.

Members also split into two groups to consider and discuss the [scenarios](#) which had been tabled, and their feedback was noted and taken for evaluation.

Resolved: That the report be noted, and the points raised and discussed used to inform the continuing development of the District Council's direction of travel in relation to future housing strategy.

38. To note minutes of the Health Liaison Board

The minutes of the meeting of the Health Liaison Board held on 2 March 2016, were noted.

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39. Work Plan

The work plan was noted. It was agreed to add a Housing & Planning Bill update, managing housing need and making best of housing stock, housing allocation policy in light of new bill to June; and Leisure strategy and study in November.

VOTE OF THANKS

Resolved: That a vote of thanks be given to Pat Smith for all her work for the Council.

The Committee showed their appreciation.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 9.13 PM

CHAIRMAN