

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Thursday, 2 July 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: RMA Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Opposition spokesmen: JD Batchelor

Officers:

Patrick Adams

Senior Democratic Services Officer

Philip Aldis

Community Safety Officer

Denise Lewis

Corporate Manager, Community and Customer
Services and Project Manager, Housing Futures

Neil Weston

Partnership Support Officer

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor JD Batchelor declared a personal but not prejudicial interest as a member of the Police Authority and a member of Linton Action for Youth.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

7. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FROM 2010-11

The Corporate Manager for Communications and Customer Services introduced this report, which proposed a number of changes to the Council's scheme of Grants to Voluntary Organisations.

The Corporate Manager for Communications and Customer Services acknowledged that it was impossible to predict future levels of Government funding, but she stated that Government had pledged to support the voluntary sector.

The Corporate Manager for Communications and Customer Services volunteered to explain the financial situation of the Council to applicants seeking three year grants and ensure that the uncertainty of the situation was referred to in the Service Level Agreement.

The Leader requested that the feasibility of passing the responsibility for these grants to the South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership, be investigated.

The Leader

AGREED

- A) Option 3 of the report: to maintain the existing grants scheme and the total funding available (minimum £156,130 plus inflationary increases where appropriate) but to redefine it, implementing all of the changes detailed in the report to ensure clarity, consistency and transparency.
- B) That all organisations seeking three-year grants be informed that the financial situation of the Council could make it impossible for the authority to commit to a

grant payment over a three-year period.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION FUNDING PLAN

The Community Safety Officer introduced this report on the South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Funding Plan for April 2009 to March 2010.

It was noted that this Plan had been discussed by the South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Board on 28 April 2009 and this body would be asked to agree the Plan at its meeting on 27 July.

The Meeting discussed the difficulty in proving the success of crime prevention methods, particularly in areas of low crime.

The Leader **NOTED** this report.

9. FORWARD PLAN

The Leader **NOTED** his forward plan.

10. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Leader **NOTED** the next meetings had been arranged for:

- 10 September 2009
- 12 November 2009
- 14 January 2010
- 11 March 2010
- 13 May 2010

All meetings to start at 10am.

The Meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.
