

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Wednesday, 11 March 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Lynda Harford

Opposition spokesmen: Bridget Smith

Also in attendance: Kevin Cuffley

Officers:

Patrick Adams

Senior Democratic Services Officer

Gemma Barron

Sustainable Communities & Partnerships Manager

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

3. COMMUNITY CHEST: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR 2015/16

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager presented this report, which invited the Leader to agree the eligibility criteria for the Community Chest 2015/16 grant funding scheme and approve the carry forward of uncommitted balances.

It was noted that no community chest grants had been awarded for parish paths during 2014/15. After a brief discussion it was generally agreed that defibrillators should not be funded by this scheme.

The Leader explained that the level of demand justified carrying forward the additional £20,000 allocated to the Community Chest budget by Cabinet on 12 February. The £72,000 in the 2015/16 grant fund would become available to applicants on 1 April.

The Leader

AGREED

- A) The eligibility criteria for the Community Chest 2015/16, making the following amendments to the existing scheme:
 - i. Removal of parish paths scheme, and
 - ii. Add specific mention of leaflets under "ongoing revenue costs or overheads" and defibrillators in the "what cannot be funded" section.
- B) To carry forward the additional £20,000 allocated to the Community Chest by Cabinet on 12 February.

4. HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACT: PROGRESS REPORT

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager introduced this report, which

sought the Leader's approval for the South Cambridgeshire District Council Home Energy Conservation Act Progress Report. It was noted that the report title should read "Conservation Act" instead of "Efficiency Act".

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager explained that the authority had exceeded its targets regarding the installation of external wall insulations and roof mounted photovoltaic panel arrays on the Council's residential accommodation. She agreed to ascertain how the decision regarding the installing of air source heat pumps and/or photovoltaic panels was made on the Council's properties.

It was noted that the Department of Energy and Climate Change had recently extended the project delivery deadline for the local Green Deal Communities Fund project to the end of September 2015 for sign-ups by householders. This was primarily for solid wall insulation in South Cambridgeshire.

The Leader

AGREED To approve the publication of the South Cambridgeshire District Council Home Energy Conservation Act Progress Report, March 2015 (Appendix A).

5. FORWARD PLAN

The Leader **NOTED** the Forward Plan.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Leader agreed the following meeting dates:

- Monday 20 April 2015 at 10am
- Thursday 21 May 2015 at 11am

The Meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.
