

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Review Committee held on
Thursday, 18 February 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ben Shelton – Chairman

Councillors: David Bard Henry Batchelor
Kevin Cuffley Andrew Fraser
Jose Hales Janet Lockwood
Bunty Waters (substitute)

Officers: **Cambridgeshire County
Council**

Gillian Beasley Chief Executive
Claire Bruin Service Director, Adult Social Care, Children,
Families and Adults (CFA) Directorate
Graham Hughes Executive Directors Economy, Transport and
Environment

**South Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Roger Hall and James Hockney sent Apologies. Councillor Bunty Waters attended as substitute for Councillor Hall.

In the absence of Councillor Hockney, the Committee agreed that Councillor Henry Batchelor act as Vice-Chairman of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2015.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

5. CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS

The following officers from Cambridgeshire County Council addressed the Partnerships Review Committee, namely:

- Gillian Beasley - Chief Executive

- Claire Bruin - Service Director, Adult Social Care, Children, Families and Adults (CFA) Directorate
- Graham Hughes - Executive Directors Economy, Transport and Environment

Gillian Beazley summarised the purpose of the meeting, and said that from 2017-18, the County Council would consult District Councils prior to its Budget-setting meeting so as to ensure a greater degree of joint working by encouraging meaningful input into the process.

Claire Bruin gave a presentation on behalf of CFA. In doing so, she referred to a set of PowerPoint slides that had been prepared before the County Council's budget-setting meeting. The slides covered

- The gross CFA budget for 2016-17 and its net budget from 2016-17 to 2020-21
- Strategy
- Older people and adults with mental health needs
- Adult Social Care
- Looked after children
- Enhanced and preventative services
- Learning

Committee members discussed a number of issues arising out of the presentation both among themselves and with County Council officers present. Of particular concern was the impact on

- Adult Social Care
- School transport

Graham Hughes gave a presentation setting out the Business Plan proposals - Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Directorate. In doing so, he referred to a set of PowerPoint slides that had been prepared before the County Council's budget-setting meeting. The slides covered

- Background
- ETE Budget
- Available budget for savings
- Savings requirements
- ETE approach to Business Plan
- ETE – headline proposals
- Latest position

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- The cost of waste disposal
- The process for repairing highways
- Winter gritting
- Implications for Economic Development within the county
- Street lighting
- Implications for community transport
- Legal issues surrounding the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

6. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Committee received and noted reports from Council representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- Cambridgeshire Advisory Group on Archives and Local Studies
- Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee
- Health and Wellbeing District Members Board

7. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Corporate Forward Plan attached to the agenda.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee should scrutinise local N.H.S. processes and practices. It was noted that N.H.S. England would be appearing before the County Council's Health Committee on 25 February 2016.

Members also considered looking at personal transport budgets.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Partnerships Review Committee meeting had been scheduled provisionally for 21 April 2016.

The Meeting ended at 12.20 p.m.
