

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Thursday, 11 November 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: James Hockney

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors
and Opposition spokesmen: -

Opposition spokesmen: -

Also in attendance: Val Barrett, Jose Hales, Roger Hall, Lynda Harford,
Bunty Waters

An apology for absence was received from Cllr John Batchelor, Opposition Spokesman.

Officers:

Gemma Barron	Partnerships Manager
Myles Bebbington	Licensing Officer
Paul Howes	Corporate Manager, Community & Customer Services
Maggie Jennings	Democratic Services Officer

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2010 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the deletion of the apostrophe in the word *Council's* in the second paragraph at item 17.

Matters Arising

Minute 16 – NI 179 (Value for Money Gains) 2010:11 – It was noted that information relating to this national indicator was no longer required by the government.

Minute 17 – Protection of Vulnerable Adults Policy – The Leader confirmed that Cllr Bridget Smith had agreed to undertake the Member Role.

Minute 18 – Financial Monitoring – The projected overspend for the year 2010/11 was confirmed as that stated in the minutes.

23. LICENSING (2003 ACT) POLICY

Myles Bebbington, the Licensing Officer was in attendance for this item.

The Licensing Officer informed the Leader that it was a statutory requirement for Councils to have in place a Licensing (2003 Act) Policy and that this was the third review undertaken since the original policy had been agreed. The revisions to the policy included

inter alia a new section detailing how reviews would be undertaken. All changes to the policy had been thoroughly considered by the Licensing (2003 Act) Committee and recommended to the Leader.

The Leader **RECOMMENDS** to Council on 25 November 2010 that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

24. **ADOPTION OF S27 POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009**

Myles Bebbington, the Licensing Officer was in attendance for this item.

The Licensing Officer explained to the Leader, that although the adoption of this Schedule was not a statutory requirement for local authorities to adopt, it would give the Council far wider powers when considering the impact of venues, such as lap dancing clubs, on the district.

Having noted the recommendation from the Licensing Committee, the Leader **RECOMMENDS** to Council on 25 November 2010 the adoption of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1982 as amended by s27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 to apply in the district of South Cambridgeshire.

The Licensing Officer left the meeting following consideration of this item.

25. **BAR HILL: DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDER - ANNUAL REVIEW**

The Corporate Manager, Community & Customer Services, gave the Leader an overview of the contents of the report, together with the recommendation that the Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) at Bar Hill be revoked.

It was noted that as a result of the consultation process, one local Member and the County Councillor for Bar Hill had written to the Council requesting the continuation of the DPPO.

Both local SCDC Members addressed the Leader and confirmed their commitment to maintaining the DPPO as they felt it had acted as a deterrent to unruly behaviour and that since the Order had been in place, such behaviour had substantially reduced.

The Leader, having considered all the options available, **AGREED** to continue with the Designated Public Place Order for a further year and requested that a Task and Finish Group be established of not more than 6 members to directly address the alcohol related problems in Bar Hill that the DPPO was currently containing. The Task and Finish Group to take into account the possibility of the Leader revoking the DPPO in November 2011 as the Police had powers to curb unruly behaviour under s.27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act (2006).

26. **PARTNERSHIP TOOLKIT**

The Leader, having considered the contents of the revised toolkit, requested that the following changes be made.

- Delete the words *adequately and robustly* from the first box under 'Information sharing and public engagement arrangements' (p.7 of the Toolkit)
- Delete the words *Can the public* and replace with *Is there an opportunity for the public to ask questions*in the seventh box under 'Information

- sharing and public engagement arrangements' (p.7 of the Toolkit)
- After the words 'Governing documents should be reviewed', add the words *regularly and as needed* and delete *at least every two years* under 'Robust management and appropriate decision making' (p.11 of the Toolkit)
- Under Public Engagement, first paragraph, second sentence after the words *representatives of local persons*, add the words, *this may also include Parish Councils and Parish Plan Action Groups* (p.16 of the Toolkit)

The Leader **AGREED** the revisions to the Partnership Toolkit, subject to the above amendments.

27. **SINGLE JOINT AGREEMENT WITH CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNCILS FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

Local authorities and NHS Cambridgeshire had been working towards developing a single joint agreement with Cambridgeshire Councils for Voluntary Services since 2008.

A report was presented to the Leader at his meeting on 15 July 2010 where it was requested that further information on what the remit of the Cambridge Councils for Voluntary Services was and what services/roles they delivered should be included in an updated report. The information requested was provided in Appendix A to the covering report and included an update on recent activity based on their existing agreement with the Council.

The Leader, noting that the majority of the funding was obtained via Cambs County Council and the NHS Cambridgeshire and included the five surrounding districts, also noted that whilst Fenland DC had agreed to join the single joint agreement, East Cambs DC had decided to keep its current arrangement and both Cambridge City and Hunts DC were still to make a decision.

As the single joint agreement would not affect the level of support to voluntary and community sector organisations in the district as funded by SCDC grant funding, the Leader,

AGREED to the Council joining the single joint agreement with Cambridgeshire Councils for Voluntary Service for a pilot year from April 2011, reviewing the agreement in 12 months to consider continuation with or withdrawal from the agreement.

28. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Leader **NOTED** the contents of the forward plan, with the addition of a monitoring report in respect of the Children and Young People's Task and Finish Group to the meeting on 20 January 2011.

29. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would be held at 10am on 20 January 2011.

The Meeting ended at 3.05 p.m.
