

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the New Communities Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on
Tuesday, 25 January 2011 at 11.15 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: David Bard

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors and Opposition spokesmen: Bridget Smith

Opposition spokesmen: Lynda Harford

Also in attendance: Nick Wright

Officers:

David Bevan	Conservation Manager
John Garnham	Principal Accountant (General Fund and Projects)
Jane Green	Head of New Communities
Richard Hales	Team Leader (Communities)
Caroline Hunt	Local Development Framework Team Leader
Keith Miles	Planning Policy Manager
Jo Mills	Corporate Manager, Planning and New Communities
Ian Senior	Democratic Services Officer

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to Minute 23 (Young People's Plan), Councillor Bridget Smith declared a personal interest as South Cambridgeshire District Council's Member Champion for Children and Young People.

30. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed that the Minutes of the New Communities Portfolio Holder meeting held on 14 December 2010 were a correct record.

31. CAPITAL AND REVENUE ESTIMATES 2011-12: NEW COMMUNITIES

The New Communities Portfolio Holder considered a report on the Revenue Estimates for 2011-12 and the Capital Programme up to 2015-16, relating to services within the New Communities Portfolio.

The Principal Accountant (General Fund and Special Projects) reminded those present that recharges had already been agreed by the Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder.

In response to Members' concern, the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) undertook to clarify the arts project funding likely to be withdrawn during 2011-12.

Those present sought and received from officers clarification of a number of issues arising from the report.

The New Communities Portfolio Holder:

(a) **endorsed** the Revenue Estimates for 2011-12 and the Capital Programme

- up to 2015-16, relating to services within the New Communities Portfolio, and recommended them for consideration by Cabinet;
- (b) **approved** the Capital Expenditure Proposal Forms relating to Village Sports Facilities Grants, Community Facilities Grants and Arts Capital Grants for inclusion in the Capital Programme.

32. FOODSTORE PROVISION IN NORTH WEST CAMBRIDGE - ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND PROPOSED APPROACH FOR DEVELOPING INFORMAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

The New Communities Portfolio Holder considered a report focussing on the results of the public consultation and proposing the approach to Informal Planning Policy Guidance regarding Food store Provision in North West Cambridge.

The New Communities Portfolio Holder:

- (c) **Noted** the representations summarised in Appendix B;
- (d) **approved** the content of the report attached at Appendix A 'Food store Provision in North West Cambridge - Analysis of Public Consultation Responses and Proposed Approach for Developing Informal Planning Policy Guidance' and the approach suggested in the conclusions for developing the Informal Planning Policy Guidance;
- (e) **gave authority to officers** to agree any changes in approach that may arise from the decision of Cambridge City Council's Executive Councillor following the meeting of the Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee on 18th January 2011.

33. YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

The New Communities Portfolio Holder considered a report seeking his authority formally to consult on the newly drafted Children and Young People's Plan (previously called the Youth Participation Strategy) and draft Action Plan for a period of six weeks from Thursday January 27 until Thursday 10 March 2011.

The New Communities Portfolio Holder **approved for consultation**, the redrafted Children and Young People's Plan (previously called the Youth Participation Strategy) and accompanying action plan for a six-week period, commencing on 27th January 2011.

34. CAMBRIDGESHIRE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

The New Communities Portfolio Holder considered a report providing an update on progress with the Green Infrastructure Strategy review being prepared by Cambridgeshire Horizons in partnership with local authorities and other key stakeholders, sought support for the actions needed to help Cambridgeshire Horizons complete the consultation draft, and sought endorsement of the Strategy for public consultation.

He noted that the aim was to secure an evidence base, which could be relied upon during the Examination in Public to help justify Section 106 monies in respect of open space.

The New Communities Portfolio Holder **agreed**

- (a) to support the broad approach of the Strategy contained in Appendices A and B
- (b) that further changes be made to the Strategy so that it can be published for public consultation.
- (c) to endorse, as an urgent decision outside the usual Portfolio Holder

schedule of meetings, an acceptable revised version of the Strategy for public consultation, in consultation with the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) and other relevant officers and members.

35. SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2010/11: THIRD QUARTER

The New Communities Portfolio Holder **received and noted** a report outlining the progress made by the New Communities and Policy teams for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2010.

36. SUSTAINABLE PARISH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP - ACTIVITY UPDATE

The New Communities Portfolio Holder **received and noted** a report on the development and delivery of the South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership.

At paragraph 11, it was noted that Cottenham should be added as a partner parish.

South Cambridgeshire District Council should celebrate the growing success of the Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership.

37. FORWARD PLAN

Those present **noted** the Forward Plan for the New Communities Portfolio included in the agenda.

38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Those present **noted** that the next New Communities Portfolio Holder meeting would be on Tuesday 8 March 2011 starting at 11.15am or upon completion of the Planning Portfolio Holder meeting, whichever was the later.

The Meeting ended at 1.25 p.m.
