

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, 11th January, 2016

Present: Cllr M R Rhodes (Chairman), Cllr D Keeley (Vice-Chairman), Cllr O C Baldock, Cllr Mrs S M Barker, Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr V M C Branson, Cllr T I B Cannon, Cllr Mrs T Dean, Cllr S M Hammond, Cllr Mrs S L Luck, Cllr P J Montague, Cllr L J O'Toole, Cllr S C Perry, Cllr T B Shaw and Cllr B W Walker

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, P F Bolt, M A Coffin, D J Cure, Mrs M F Heslop, N J Heslop, B J Luker and T C Walker were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Representative: Mr A Nicholl (Tonbridge Sports Association)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs S Bell

PART 1 - PUBLIC

COM 16/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct. However, Councillor Luker referred to a potential interest in the item 'Key Voluntary Sector Bodies – Review of Core Grant Support' on the grounds that he was a member of the Board of Age Concern Malling. He remained in the meeting during consideration of this matter.

COM 16/2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Notes of the meeting of the Communities Advisory Board held on 16 September 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COM 16/3 FAMILY FOCUS AND EARLY HELP PROGRAMME - PRESENTATION

Mr Glenn Page, District Partnership Manager for Early Help and Preventative Services, Kent County Council, presented an update on the Family Focus and Early Help Programme.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET**COM 16/4 KEY VOLUNTARY SECTOR BODIES - REVIEW OF CORE GRANT SUPPORT**


Decision Notice D160001MEM

The report of the Chief Executive set out details of a proposed review of the grants awarded annually to key voluntary sector bodies which provided support services to residents within the Borough.

RECOMMENDED: That the Borough's key voluntary sector bodies be consulted on proposals to reduce grant support, as set out in the report, and a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Communities Advisory Board on the outcome of that process.

COM 16/5 REVIEW OF CEMETERY CHARGES 2016/17

The joint report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services and the Director of Finance and Transformation outlined the proposed fees and charges for 2016/17 in respect of Tonbridge Cemetery.

RECOMMENDED: That the proposed charges for Tonbridge Cemetery, as detailed at Annex 2 to the report, be implemented with effect from 1 April 2016. 

* **Referred to Cabinet**

COM 16/6 MENTAL HEALTH CHARTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION

Decision Notice D160002MEM

The joint report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services and the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health set out details of the Mental Health Charter for Sport and Recreation and highlighted its key aim of raising the issue of mental health and the use of sport and recreation to promote wellbeing and tackle discrimination. The report invited the Council to 'sign up' to the Charter and set out the main actions required to promote its aims at a local level.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council formally sign up to the Mental Health Charter for Sport and Recreation.

COM 16/7 LEYBOURNE LAKES COUNTRY PARK USER SURVEY RESULTS

Decision Notice D160003MEM

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided information on the results of the user survey

undertaken at Leybourne Lakes Country Park in 2015 and set out details of potential future improvements to toilet, refreshment and information/educational facilities.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the 2015 market survey results for Leybourne Lakes Country Park be noted;
- (2) the results of the survey be shared with users of the Park, the staff and volunteers and the Customer Panel; and
- (3) further investigation be undertaken into the potential provision of a lakeside facility to meet the expressed needs of users.

COM 16/8 HEALTH IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Decision Notice D160004MEM

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health provided details of the Council's response to the recent Kent County Council Health Improvement Consultation regarding the delivery of a range of health improvement services to residents of Kent. In addition, updates on Public Health Funding, the activity of the Health Action Team (HAT) and the Minutes of the meetings of the West Kent Health and Wellbeing Board were provided.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the Council's response to the Health Improvement Consultation be endorsed; and
- (2) the update on Public Health Funding be noted.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

COM 16/9 CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTS

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided an update on the progress of key projects contained in the Council's Capital Plan.

COM 16/10 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING LEISURE TRUST PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided details of recent performance by the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust.

COM 16/11 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

The report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer provided an update on the implementation of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which placed new duties on the Council to tackle anti-social behaviour and working co-operatively with the police, social landlords and other agencies.

COM 16/12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 9.07 pm