

## TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### COMMUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, 1st March, 2016

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P A Bates and B W Walker

#### PART 1 - PUBLIC

##### **COM16/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs S Bell declared an Other Significant Interest in the items relating to the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust as she was contracted, on a self-employed basis, to provide a service at Larkfield Leisure Centre. She withdrew from the meeting during consideration of these items. Councillors O Baldock, M Heslop and N Heslop, while not declaring interests, asked that it be noted that they, or family members, used the facilities at the Angel Centre, Tonbridge.

##### **COM16/14 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the notes of the meeting of the Communities Advisory Board held on 11 January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

##### **COM16/15 KEY VOLUNTARY SECTOR BODIES - GRANT SUPPORT**

Decision Notice D160025MEM

Further to Decision No D160001MEM the report of the Chief Executive set out details of further negotiations held with the key voluntary sector bodies which received annual grants from the Council to provide support services to residents within the Borough.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

- (1) the Service Level Agreements for the key Voluntary Sector Bodies, as set out in Annexes 1-6 of the report, be approved; and
- (2) the following annual grants be confirmed for the three year period 2016/17 – 2018/19:

Citizens Advice North and West Kent	- £95,000
Imago	- £4,000
Involve	- £4,000
Age UK Sevenoaks and Tonbridge	- £8,000
Age Concern Malling	- £8,000
Maidstone and West Kent Mediation	- £4,800

**COM16/16 KENT COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW OF MOBILE LIBRARY PROVISION**

Decision Notice D160026MEM

The report of the Chief Executive set out details of Kent County Council's proposed reduction of the current mobile library provision following a review of the usage of the service. It was noted that while the service would be withdrawn in a number of areas across the Borough, the impact on users would be insignificant and measures would be put in place to assist and support residents with the home delivery service.

**RECOMMENDED:** That Kent County Council be advised that the Borough Council has no objection to the current proposals to reduce the mobile library service.

**COM16/17 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING LEISURE TRUST - REVIEW OF CHARGES 2016/17**

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services set out details of the existing and proposed core charges for the Council's main leisure facilities operated under contract by the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

- (1) with the exception of the concessionary rates at Poult Wood Golf Centre, the proposed Leisure Trust Core Charges, as outlined at Annex 1 to the report, be approved and implemented from 1 April 2016;
- (2) the proposed concessionary rates at Poult Wood Golf Centre be introduced as a 50/50 split over a two year period; and

- (3) pitch hire charges at Tonbridge Sportsgrounds be increased as outlined at paragraph 1.5 of the report and implemented from 1 April 2016.

**\*Referred to Cabinet**

#### **COM16/18 LEISURE TRUST - ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2016/17**

Decision Notice D160027MEM

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided an update on the recent performance of the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust and brought forward the Trust's draft Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2016/17.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

- (1) the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust Annual Service Delivery Plan – Cumulative Quarterly Monitoring Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2015 be noted; and
- (2) the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust draft Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2016/17, as set out at Annex 2 to the report, be approved.

#### **COM16/19 HAYSDEN COUNTRY PARK - SITE IMPROVEMENTS**

The joint report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services and the Director of Finance and Transformation provided an update on progress with a Capital Plan Project for Site Improvements at Haysden Country Park and set out details of the Capital Plan Evaluation of the proposed scheme.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the transfer of the capital plan scheme for the site improvements at Haysden Country Park to the Capital Plan (List A) be approved and the Capital Plan updated accordingly.

**\*Referred to Cabinet**

#### **MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION**

#### **COM16/20 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (CSP) UPDATE**

The report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer provided an update on recent activity undertaken by the Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership.

**COM16/21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.12 pm