

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, 20th July, 2021

Present: Cllr Miss G E Thomas (Chairman), Cllr N Foyle, Cllr S A Hudson, Cllr Mrs R F Lettington, Cllr M R Rhodes and Cllr Mrs M Tatton.

(Note: As Councillors Mrs Anderson, Bates, Bell, Heslop and Palmer were unable to attend in person and participated via MS Teams they were unable to vote on any matters).

Cllr R P Betts, Cllr V M C Branson, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr M A J Hood, Cllr D Keers, Cllr B J Luker, Cllr P J Montague, Cllr J L Sergison and Cllr K B Tanner participated via MS Teams and joined the discussion when invited by the Chairman in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S M Hammond, P M Hickmott, F A Hoskins, A Kennedy and D Thornevell.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

CH 21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

CH 21/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Communities and Housing Advisory Board held on 25 May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

CH 21/24 HOUSING STRATEGY

(Decision Notice D210073MEM)

The report outlined the key themes for a TMBC Housing Strategy and an updated project plan for members review and approval.

The Board was reminded of the key ambitions contained in the West Kent Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2016-2021 undertaken in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. The report outlined the key themes for a Tonbridge and Malling Housing Strategy which would allow the Borough Council to

establish its housing priorities, to plan for meeting current and future need and to govern the effective delivery of housing related services. An updated project plan and revised timetable was set out in Annex 1 to the report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (i) the key areas of work for the forthcoming Housing Strategy be endorsed and the Housing Strategy Project Plan as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be approved.

CH 21/25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK IN THE TRENCH WARD OF TONBRIDGE

(Decision Notice D210074MEM)

The report set out details of a proposed arrangement to reinstate the Community Development Worker position within the Trench Ward to deliver community initiatives and provide support to residents. The Board was advised that, for a fixed two-year period, Clarion Futures had offered to match fund the £7,500 per year from the Borough Council to deliver this support and that Tonbridge Baptist Church would support the post as the overall 'employer' providing office space, line management and funding of £3,750 per year. It was noted that a Service Level Agreement for the two-year term would be agreed between the Borough Council, Clarion Futures and the Tonbridge Baptist Church.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the arrangements for the proposed Community Development Worker for Trench be noted; and
- (2) the grant funding of £7,500 per year, for 2 years, to be paid to Tonbridge Baptist Church, be endorsed.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

CH 21/26 HOUSING SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORT

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health providing an update on the activity of the Housing Service for 2020/21 including a capital plan review for an IT system implemented within the Housing Solutions team was noted.

CH 21/27 STOCK CONDITION MODELLING UPDATE

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health providing an update on the private sector stock condition modelling exercise undertaken by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) was noted.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE**CH 21/28 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That the public discussion would disclose exempt information, the follow matters be considered in private.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET**CH 21/29 LEYBOURNE LAKES COUNTRY PARK - FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT**

(Reasons: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 3 – Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services presented the Leisure Trust's Business Plan and financial proposal for the future management of Leybourne Lakes Country Park (LLCP) and the outcome of Cost Certainty in relation to the proposed new lakeside facility.

RECOMMENDED: That both the transfer of the site management and the construction of the building project proceed in accordance with the timescales outlined in the report.

***Referred to Cabinet**

The meeting ended at 8.44 pm