

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, 10th June, 2015

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 and Cllr L J O'Toole

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, T Bishop, M A Coffin, 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)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S Bell, S C Perry and B W Walker

PART 1 - PUBLIC

COM 15/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T Walker declared an Other Significant Interest in the items on the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust Update and the Capital Plan Progress Update on the grounds of being an employee of the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust. He withdrew from the meeting during consideration of these matters.

With reference to the item on the Community Development Work Update, Councillor Mrs Dean advised that she was a Trustee of the St James Centre Trust, East Malling.

COM 15/2 INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION

Presentations were given on the Council's Community Development Services, Public Health Services, Community Safety Unit and Leisure Services by the Chief Corporate Policy Officer, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Director of Central Services and Head of Leisure Services.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET**COM 15/3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK UPDATE**

Decision Notice D150046MEM

The report of the Chief Executive provided an update on the ongoing community development work in Trench and East Malling, the respective action plans being set out at annexes to the report. Details were given of arrangements to enable community development issues to be fully addressed in Snodland via two new initiatives and it was noted that suitable government funding was being explored to support this approach.

RECOMMENDED: That the proposed approach to community development work in Snodland, as set out in the report, be supported.

COM 15/4 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING LEISURE TRUST PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Decision Notice D150047MEM

The joint report of the Director of Street Scene and Leisure and the Cabinet Member for Community Services presented details of the recent performance of the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust set out in the latest Annual Service Delivery Plan – Cumulative Quarterly Monitoring report for Quarter 4 covering the period 1 January to 31 March 2015. Reference was made to the agreement of a new long term golf professional contract with the existing contractor and to the development of partnership arrangements with the London Golf Centre.

RECOMMENDED: That the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust Annual Service Delivery Plan – Cumulative Quarterly Monitoring Report for 1 January to 31 March 2015 be noted.

COM 15/5 CAPITAL PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Decision Notice D150048MEM

The report of the Director of Street Scene and Leisure gave details of progress with key projects in the Council's Capital Plan. It was noted that relevant post implementation reviews would be submitted to the Advisory Board twelve months after the schemes' completion to assess their success against identified targets.

RECOMMENDED: That progress on Capital Plan schemes be noted and relevant future Post Implementation Reviews be brought forward to the Advisory Board for consideration.

COM 15/6 ALLOTMENT CHARGES

Decision Notice D150049MEM

Details were given of proposed charges for allotments in Tonbridge brought forward by the Tonbridge Allotments and Gardens Association. It was clarified that the Association now intended to present the revised charges to their Annual General Meeting in November 2015 with a view to implementation from October 2016. Clarification was sought regarding the period of notice required prior to the implementation of new charges for allotments.

RECOMMENDED: That, subject to clarification of the period of notice required and to approval at the Tonbridge Allotments and Gardens Association's Annual General Meeting, the proposed charges outlined in the report be approved for implementation from 1 October 2016.

COM 15/7 HEALTH IMPROVEMENT TEAM PERFORMANCE 2014/15

Decision Notice D150050MEM

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health described the range of health improvement projects for which Kent County Council funding had been awarded for the current year and reviewed the performance of the initiatives in 2014/15.

RECOMMENDED: That the performance information at Annex 1 to the report be endorsed and the range of programmes for 2015/16, as set out in the report and delivered by the Borough Council and its partners, be approved.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION**COM 15/8 TONBRIDGE SPORTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Advisory Board received the annual report of the Tonbridge Sports Association for 2014/15 which was presented by Mr Alan Nicholl, the Association's Chairman. Members expressed their appreciation of the work of Mr Nicholl, the positive working partnership between the Sports Association and the Council and the dedication of the volunteers who ran the clubs and promoted sporting activity within the community.

COM 15/9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 9.23 pm