

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, 16th February, 2021

Present: Cllr J L Botten (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J A Anderson, Cllr Mrs S Bell, Cllr R W Dalton, Cllr N Foyle, Cllr F A Hoskins, Cllr S A Hudson, Cllr Mrs R F Lettington, Cllr L J O'Toole, Cllr W E Palmer, Cllr Mrs M Tatton, Cllr Miss G E Thomas and Cllr D Thornewell

Councillors M C Base, Mrs P A Bates, R P Betts, V M C Branson, G C Bridge, A E Clark, M A Coffin, N J Heslop, M A J Hood, D Lettington, B J Luker, P J Montague, Mrs A S Oakley, M R Rhodes and H S Rogers were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S M Hammond and K King

PART 1 - PUBLIC

CH 21/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

CH 21/2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Communities and Housing Advisory Board held on 10 November 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

CH 21/3 TONBRIDGE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION - PROPOSED CHARGES

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided details of the arrangements made with the Tonbridge Allotments and Gardens Association (TAGA) to manage and maintain allotments in Tonbridge on the Council's behalf and set out proposed charges and concessions to be implemented from 1 October 2022.

RECOMMENDED: That the proposed charges brought forward by the Tonbridge Allotments and Gardens Association, as detailed in the report, be agreed.

***Referred to Cabinet**

CH 21/4 ANNUAL GRANTS TO KEY VOLUNTARY SECTOR BODIES

(Decision Notice D210027MEM)

The report of the Chief Executive sought endorsement of the grants to be made to key voluntary and community sector organisations which provide support services to residents within the Borough.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) based on the good progress and vital support provided to residents from Involve, Imago and the Maidstone and West Kent Mediation Scheme, the grant funding be continued for year 2 of the 4 year agreement with each organisation; and
- (2) based on the good progress and vital support provided to residents from Age UK Sevenoaks and Tonbridge and Citizens Advice North and West Kent (CANWK), grant funding to each organisation be maintained at current levels for the financial year 2021/22.

CH 21/5 LEYBOURNE LAKES COUNTRY PARK - FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

(Decision Notice D210028MEM)

Further to the report considered at the meeting of the Advisory Board held on 10 November 2020 (minute number CH 20/32 refers), this report updated and brought forward a revised timescale on both the proposed transfer of the site management of Leybourne Lakes Country Park (LLCP) to the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust (TMLT) and the Capital Plan Scheme for the provision of additional lakeside facilities. Members were reminded that the proposed transfer had been identified in the Council's First Year Addendum to the Corporate Strategy.

RECOMMENDED: That subject to the Monitoring Officer being satisfied about the lawfulness of the actions in relation to the potential transfer, both the potential management transfer and the facility development be progressed as outlined in the report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION**CH 21/6 PARKS AND LEISURE - RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided updates on progress with the themes/activities identified within the Parks and Leisure section of the approved First Year Addendum to the Council's Corporate Strategy. This included updates

on the Council's Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Facilities, progress with Capital Plan Projects and the 2020/21 Events Calendar.

CH 21/7 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE

The report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive provided an update on some of the recent work of the Community Safety Partnership.

CH 21/8 SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION FUND DEMONSTRATOR

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health provided an update on the success of the Council's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator competition consortia bid undertaken with Fenland District Council to secure funding to upgrade Clarion owned homes in Tonbridge and Wisbech.

CH 21/9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.18 pm