TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, 8th October, 2014

Present:

Cllr Mrs C M Gale (Vice-Chairman - in the Chair), Cllr T Bishop, Cllr Miss J L Sergison, Cllr Miss S O Shrubsole, Cllr A K Sullivan, Cllr R Taylor and Cllr D J Trice

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, J A L Balcombe, O C Baldock, M A C Balfour, P F Bolt, Mrs B A Brown, M A Coffin, N J Heslop, B J Luker, Miss A Moloney, Mrs S Murray and M R Rhodes were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms S V Spence (Chairman), A W Allison, D J Cure and Mrs E M Holland

PART 1 - PUBLIC

CH 14/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

CH 14/23 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND - DEFERRED BIDS

Decision Notice D140116MEM

The report of the Chief Executive referred to the deferral of payment of funds to applicants who had failed to provide evidence of match funding in support of their project (Decision No D140106MEM (2)). Details were given of the bids which fell into that category together with the outcome of a request to applicants for further information on any financial contribution they were able to make. A supplementary schedule containing supporting information, including some revised bids, was circulated.

RECOMMENDED: That the bids set out in the supplementary Annex to the report be supported.

CH 14/24 KENT SAVERS CREDIT UNION

Decision Notice D140117MEM

The report of the Management Team explained the background to the deferral of consideration of a request by Kent Savers for financial support of £10,000 to enable further investigation of a number of issues.

An update was given on how residents of Tonbridge and Malling would benefit and the means by which Kent Savers would work with local churches. The legal position in respect of the State Aid Regulations was also clarified and it was confirmed that while the de minimis exemption would apply to an unconditional grant, there would be risk attached to providing a loan.

A report back in 6 - 12 months was requested on activity in Tonbridge and Malling following the award of grant.

RECOMMENDED: That the request for financial support of £10,000 to Kent Savers be approved in the form of an unconditional grant and be funded from the balance on the Community Enhancement Fund.

CH 14/25 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 7.59 pm