

# Policy and Resources Committee

## Minutes

Thursday, 10 January 2019 at 18:30

Councillor Plant (in the Chair), Councillors, G Carpenter, B Coleman, Flaxman-Taylor, Grant, Jeal, K Grey, Smith, Wainwright, B Walker, Williamson, A Wright.

Councillor P Carpenter attended as substitute for Councillor Annison.

Also in attendance at the above meeting were:

Mrs S Oxtoby (Chief Executive), Ms Kate Watts (Strategic Director), Ms Karen Sly (Director of Finance), Ms Caroline Whatling (Monitoring Officer), Mrs Jane Beck (Head of Property and Asset Management), Mrs M Burdett (Head of Inward Investment) and Mr S Ellwood (Interim Democratic Services Manager).

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Annison.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Coleman, Plant and Wainwright all declared personal interests in the item relating to St George's Trust by virtue of being representatives and Chairman on that body and indicated that they would leave the room whilst the matter was discussed.

Councillors Flaxman-Taylor and Williamson subsequently declared personal interests in the item relating to St George's Trust as being members of Sea Change and indicated that they were allowed to speak and vote on the item.

### **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27 November 2018 were confirmed.

### **4 FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee received and noted the contents within the Forward Plan for the Policy and Resources Committee.

### **5 REVIEW OF THE SIX DAY AND TWO DAY MARKET PLACE FEES AND CHARGES**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Property and Asset Management on the review of the six day and two day Market Place fees and charges. This matter had been considered by Economic development Committee at it's recent meeting who had requested additional information. This was circulated at the meeting.

During consideration of this matter it was suggested that £11k should be taken from the shopfront initiative scheme to cover part of the £14k shortfall for the remainder of this financial year to enable the 50p per foot rate to be continued until March 2019.

An amendment was put proposing that the 2019/20 fees and charges for two day markets remain at 50p per foot. Upon being put to the vote this was LOST.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL :

- (1) That the 2019/20 fees and charges for two day markets a year round rate of £1.00 per foot (depth calculations will remain unchanged).
- (2) That the existing 50p per foot rate through to 31st March 2019 be continued and that £11k be taken from the shopfront initiative scheme to cover part of the £14k shortfall.
- (3) That the current fees in relation to the six day market be maintained.
- (4) That the fees and charges as contained in the schedule attached to the report be approved.

### **6 ENFORCEMENT GROUP - PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director (KW) on :

- a detailed 18/19 work plan for the Enforcement Group
- a summary of properties, actions and progress in relation to the Operational Property Enforcement Task Group
- a dashboard of performance measures in relation to this work

Confidential information were contained in appendices included in the confidential part of the agenda.

RESOLVED :

That the contents of the report be noted.

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of any other business.

## **8 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

RESOLVED :

That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as indicated under the said Act.

## **9 ENFORCEMENT GROUP PROGRESS UPDATE - CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX**

Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1

Officers answered questions from Members in relation to the confidential appendix.

RESOLVED :

That the details contained in the confidential appendix be noted.

## **10 ST GEORGES TRUST**

Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1.

Councillor Barry Coleman, in his role as Chairman of the St Georges Trustees, remained in the meeting to answer any questions. He left the room prior to the full debate and any vote taking place.

Sandy Johnson financial contact for the Trust remained in the meeting to answer any queries from Members.

RESOLVED :

1. That the progress of the trust be noted and commended.
2. That the council provides £27,000 grant fund to cover the trust's operations for the rest of the financial year (until March 2019), to be funded from the Special Projects Reserve.
3. That the council provides a £25,000 management fee to the Trust for 2019/20 and 2020/21 and that a formal grant agreement is prepared and agreed between the two parties.
4. That a decision of whether to allocate an additional sum for 2019/20 and 2020/21, which would act as match funding for an Arts Council bid, is deferred until the outcome of the Arts Council bid is known.
5. That the member working group changes to a Liaison Board where the quarterly reports are provided and agreement for fund draw down are agreed.
6. That the council does not nominate appointees to the trust from May 2019 and enables the Trust to complete the board renewal as already commenced.
7. That the electricity debt be held and recovered at a future date.

Note : Councillors Jeal, Walker, Williamson and Wright all voted against the decision referred to in 4 above and requested that this be recorded in the minutes.

The meeting ended at: 21:00