

Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 03 April 2018 at 18:30

Present :

Councillor B Coleman (in the Chair); Councillors Grant, K Grey, Hammond, Hanton, Jeal, Pratt, Thirtle, Wainwright, Walch and Walker.

Also in attendance :

Mrs S Oxtoby (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs M Lee (Head of Customer Services) and Mrs S Wintle (Senior Member Services Officer).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 February 2018 were confirmed

subject to Councillor K Grey, Pratt and Reynolds being removed from those present.

4 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee noted the contents within the Forward Plan for the Economic Development Committee.

5 PROVISION OF RAPID VEHICLE ELECTRIC CHARGE POINTS

The Committee considered the Head of Customer Services report which provided Members with an update in relation to the opportunity and progress to date for the provision of a Rapid Vehicle Charge Point within Great Yarmouth.

In discussing the report the following matters were raised :-

- Whether all vehicles would use the same connection for charging. The Head of Customer Services reported that she would be seeking to procure a facility that would fit most cars.
- Whether cars would be charged for parking whilst using the car charging facility, the Head of Customer Services reported that this would be subject to a change to the current traffic orders on the car parks.
- Reference was made to the area in question being subject to an archaeological dig, the head of Customer Services advised that Planning Officers had not advised that this would be necessary.
- A comment was made in relation to housing at this site and it was confirmed that there were no future proposals for housing on the site at present.
- CCTV and whether existing CCTV would be used, this was confirmed.
- Whether the proposal would allow for a 3 way charger point, the Head of Customer Services advised that funding would be allocated for a one charger unit which could charge a maximum of 2 cars at once.

RESOLVED :

That the Committee endorse the Executive Leadership Teams decision to progress with the project for the provision of a Rapid Vehicle Charging Point to be located on Fullers Hill Car Park.

6 NORTH WEST TOWER

The Committee considered the Strategic Director and Principle Conservation Officer's report which outlined an opportunity to leverage in funding for the Architectural Heritage Fund to support the development stage of any future renovation of the North West Tower, which will include exploring the existing architectural sketch scheme and concept for conversion, considering the

options and business case for reuse and future funding opportunities. The report recommended that a contribution of £9,250 is made from the Council's Special projects Reserve to support an application to the Architectural Heritage Fund to enable development work which will progress the full repair and reuse of the North West Tower.

Members were advised that the application would be developed and submitted by the Great Yarmouth preservation trust as a local Authority is not able to directly access this funding.

RESOLVED :

That approval be given to the allocation of £9,250 from the Council's Special Projects Reserve to support an application to the Architectural Heritage Fund to enable development work which will progress the full repair and reuse of the North West Tower.

7 MAKING WAVES TOGETHER DELIVERY

The Committee considered the Strategic Director's report which provided Members with an update on progress so far in relation to the Making Waves Together project, which is a project that runs across Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft and is financed through the Great Places funding.

It was agreed that an item entitled " Making Waves Presentation " be added to the Committee's Forward Plan for the 16th July 2018 to provide Members with a presentation and update on the procurement projects.

RESOLVED :

(1) That the Committee note the contents of the Strategic Director's report.

(2) That " Making Waves Presentation " be added to the Committee's Forward Plan for the 16th July 2018 meeting.

8 GREAT YARMOUTH TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING GROUP MINUTES

RESOLVED :

The Committee noted for information the minutes of the Great Yarmouth Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group held on the 6 March 2018.

9 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on the 19 February 2018 were confirmed.

The meeting ended at: 18:45