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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Monday, 12th May 2008 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor A.F. Tomlinson – in the Chair

Councillors J.E. Bennett, K. Bowman, A.J. Hodkin, D. Kelly, D. McGregor and B.R. Murray-Carr.

Also in attendance with the permission of the Chairman were Councillors A.M. Syrett and M. Dooley.

Officers:-

W. Lumley (Chief Executive Officer), S. Tomlinson (Director of Strategy), S. Sternberg (Solicitor to the Council), D. Hill (Head of Finance), B. O'Donnell (Scrutiny and Policy Officer) (until Minute No. 983), J. Foley (Head of Customer Service and Performance) (until Minute No. 984), P. Campbell (Head of Housing), S. Henri (Head of ICT) (Minute No. 987 to 988), R. Owen (Senior Valuer) (from Minute No. 988), A. Bluff (Democratic Services Officer) (observing) and A. Brownsword (Democratic Services Officer).

977. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Huddless and E. Watts.

978. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

979. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

980. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor J.E. Bennett and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

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RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 7th April 2008 be approved as a true and correct record.

981. SCRUTINY REVIEW – ANTI POVERTY REVIEW

The Chair of PPMG4 presented a report detailing on Anti Poverty Review carried out by PPMG4.

The review looked at types of poverty and how the Council could address them.

Members noted that the Scrutiny Committee had made a good job of the review and asked questions.

Moved by Councillor J.E. Bennett and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

RESOLVED that (1) all the actions to address poverty by the group in section 4 of the report be incorporated into the Anti Poverty Strategy currently being developed,

(2) an update on the viability of the actions identified in section 4 of the report be provided by September 2008,

(3) the actions that are agreed as viable be in place by March 2009,

(4) a realistic measure for poverty for the District be developed so that it can be monitored to ensure that the strategy is effective.

Reason for Decision: The decision is in line with the Executives responsibility with the formulation of strategies for consideration.

(Scrutiny and Policy Officer)

982. SCRUTINY REVIEW – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN SCRUTINY

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee presented a report detailing a review of Community Involvement in Scrutiny.

The review looked at how to reach the Community, how accessible the Scrutiny Committee are and Community expectations.

Members noted that the Scrutiny Committee had made a good job of the review and asked questions.

Moved by Councillor J.E. Bennett and seconded by Councillor D. McGregor

RESOLVED that the report be received.

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Reason for Decision: To keep the Executive informed of the actions being taken by Scrutiny Committee to involve the public.

(Scrutiny and Policy Officer)

Councillors A. Syrett and M. Dooley left the meeting.

983. SCRUTINY REVIEW – PROVISION OF DENTISTRY IN THE DISTRICT

The Scrutiny and Policing Officer presented a report detailing a review of Dentistry Provision in the District carried out by PPMG3.

The review looked at Dentists in Derbyshire and the PCT's plans for the future.

Members noted that the Scrutiny Committee had made a good job of the review and asked questions.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

RESOLVED that (1) the impact on the health service including dentistry be considered as part of the Planning process,

(2) it is ensured that the Planning Department work with the PCT so that they can be aware of future plans and developments which could feed in to their decision process,

(3) support be provided to the Dental Commissioner for the Derbyshire PCT to understand the local needs e.g. community forums, citizens panel, parish councils,

(4) it is ensured that the Joint Associate Director of Public Health maintains a relationship with the Dental Commissioner for Derbyshire PCT and provides regular updates on the actions for the areas in the district on the Top 10 list which should be shared via the scrutiny health group,

(5) the report be issued to Chesterfield Borough Council and North East Derbyshire District Council so that they are aware of the status of dentistry on the area,

(6) the review be closed.

Reason for Decision: The provision of dentistry has an effect on communities in the District of Bolsover's area.

(Scrutiny and Policy Officer)

The Scrutiny and Policing Officer left the meeting.

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984. COMPLIMENTS, COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

The Head of Customer Service and Performance submitted a report providing information on the number of compliments, comments, complaints and freedom of information requests received for the period 1st January 2008 to 31st March 2008 together with a summary for 2007/08.

Members asked questions.

Moved by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr and seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett
RESOLVED that the report be received.

Reason for Decision: To keep Members informed of volumes and trends regarding compliments, comments, complaints and freedom of information requests.

(Customer Service and Access Officer)

The Head of Customer Service and Performance left the meeting.

985. VERBAL UPDATE ON RENT ARREARS

The Head of Housing circulated information to Members on area based targets in respect of housing rent arrears and confirmed that the outstanding amounts were decreasing.

The Chairman noted that the departments progress was pleasing and showed that the measures put in place were productive.

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman and seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision: To update Members on the present position.

(Head of Housing)

986. EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF) 2007 – 13 APPROVAL OF PRIORITY AXIS 2 (PA2) COALFIELDS AREAS – LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN

The Director of Strategy presented a report which gave Members details of proposals for managing ERDF in Priority Axis 2 areas of Bolsover and requested delegated powers to the Head of Regeneration, in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader, Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Strategy to approve the final coalfields ERDF local investment plan on behalf of Bolsover.

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Moved by Councillor J.E. Bennett and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

RESOLVED that (1) the Executive agree that the decision is an urgent one and should not, therefore, be subject to call-in, as provided for in Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16 and agreed by the Chairman,

(2) the recent developments on the delivery of the ERDF programme in relation to the Bolsover District and the pressing timetable for implementation, be noted,

(3) the proposed governance arrangements being put forward to the LAA Boards for approval and delegation where appropriate, be noted,

(4) delegated powers to the Head of Regeneration, in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Strategy, to give Bolsover's approval to the local investment plan for the coalfields PA2 districts for the period 2007-10, be approved.

Reason for Decision: **To ensure the full allocation of ERDF PA2 funding for the Bolsover District is received and spent, thereby avoiding potential underspend.**

(Director of Strategy)

The Head of ICT entered the meeting.

987. ICT BUDGET BIDS

The Chief Executive Officer presented a report which summarised recommendations which had arisen from the ICT Strategy Group following a review of business cases submitted in support of budget bid applications.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr

RESOLVED that the ICT capital bids detailed in the report be approved and financed from the ICT and Office Equipment Reserve.

Reason for Decision: **In order to allocate funds from the ICT reserve.**

(Head of ICT Services)

The Head of ICT left the meeting.

The Senior Valuer entered the meeting.

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988. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman and seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.

989. 15 ROTHERHAM ROAD, NEW HOUGHTON EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Senior Valuer submitted a report proposing that the former Police house at 15 Rotherham Road, New Houghton which was now vacant, be offered for sale at auction by Bagshaws Residential in Derby on 18th June 2008.

Moved by Councillor J.E. Bennett and seconded by Councillor A.J. Hodkin

RESOLVED that (1) a reserve as proposed in the report be placed on 15 Rotherham Road, New Houghton,

(2) delegated powers be given to the Head of Regeneration to exchange contracts to sell 15 Rotherham Road, New Houghton at any price that meets or exceeds the reserve,

(3) Members earmark the capital receipt for use on planned capital projects for affordable housing and/or regeneration.

Reason for Decision: In order to secure a capital receipt for the Council from the sale of a property which is surplus to Council requirements.

(Senior Valuer)

The meeting concluded at 1153 hours.