

## **EXECUTIVE**

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Monday 26th April 2010 at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Members:-

Councillor E Watts in the Chair

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

Also in attendance with the permission of the Chair was Councillor R. Bowler (Chair of Scrutiny Committee) (until Minute No. 886).

Officers:-

W. Lumley (Chief Executive Officer), S. Sternberg (Solicitor to the Council), J. Brooks, (Director of Resources), S. Tomlinson (Director of Neighbourhoods), P. Brown (Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager) (until Minute No. 888), D. Eccles (Head of Regeneration) (Minute No. 889 to 892), D. Troop (Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager) (Minute No. 889 to 890), R. Somerset (Procurement Officer) (Minute No. 893) and A. Brownsword (Democratic Services Officer)

Also in attendance with the permission of the Chair was L. Wallace, Manager of the Bolsover Community Voluntary Partners (until Minute No. 888).

### **881. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. Bowman and A. Syrett.

### **882. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

### **883. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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### 884. MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2010

Moved by Councillor E. Watts and seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 8th March 2010, be approved as a true and correct record.

### 885. MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2010

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of a Special meeting of the Executive held on 11th March 2010, be approved as a true and correct record.

### 886. RECOMMENDED ITEM FROM THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 23RD MARCH 2010 - ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Chair of Scrutiny Committee presented the first annual Community Safety Review undertaken by PPMG4 and approved by the Scrutiny Committee. She noted that the review had been undertaken in a short timescale which was preferred by Members. It was also noted that the review panel was very impressed by the input of Bolsover District Council to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP).

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety welcomed the report, but felt disappointed that he had not been more involved. Work was being undertaken with the Parish Councils and there was much involvement between the CDRP and the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). However, he supported issues raised regarding publicity.

The Solicitor to the Council noted that as this was the first review it was a learning process and that the report did not suggest that no work was being undertaken with Parish Councils and the LSP, but that a review could look at how links could be strengthened.

A discussion ensued regarding publicity within the authority and the Director of Neighbourhoods noted that a policy regarding publicity was currently being developed and would be brought before Members.

Moved by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr and seconded by Councillor E. Watts.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Community Safety Review be approved,

(2) Legal Services and the Community Safety Officer work with Inspector Ian Palfreman to produce some standard terms of reference for working groups,

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(3) Members of the new Safe and Inclusive Communities Scrutiny Committee consider the areas for possible Community Safety Review and choose one to put on their work plan.

(Solicitor to the Council)

Councillor Bowler left the meeting.

### **887. RECOMMENDED ITEM FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 23RD MARCH 2010 - ESTATE AUDITS: EYES AND EARS**

Councillor Kelly, Portfolio Holder for the Environment, presented the recommended item from the Scrutiny Committee which detailed proposed changes to the current Estate Audits. He noted that the changes were borne out of the ineffectiveness of the Estate Audits and that they would be replaced by better use of the current 'Eyes and Ears' scheme.

A report on the effectiveness of the new scheme would be reported to Members in six months.

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly and seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson  
**RESOLVED** that the replacement of the Estate Audits with a refreshed 'Eyes and Ears' approach, as outlined in the report, be approved.

(Head of Community Safety and Street Services)

### **888. COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY PARTNERS - SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT ANNUAL UPDATE 2010**

Ms Lorna Wallace, Manager of Bolsover Community Voluntary Partners (CVP) gave a presentation giving Members an update on the work of the Partners.

The presentation gave their Annual Report on progress to date and an overview on the current staff, the work of the partnership, funding awards, current projects and initiatives, work for the future and contact details. The presentation also looked at the challenges ahead especially with regard to funding, sustainability and potential cuts in public spending.

A question was asked regarding the Political Activity and Campaigning workshop and it was noted that this had been undertaken following guidance from the Charity Commission.

Members asked how involved the CVP was with the 'Raising Aspirations' group and it was noted that the CVP was on the steering group.

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In response to a question regarding data relevant to specific areas, it was requested that Members contact the CVP with details of information required.

It was noted that the CVP was of benefit to local communities, enabling them to access funding, contribute to decision making and participate in consultation exercises on behalf of the third sector.

The Chair thanked Ms Wallace for her presentation.

Moved by Councillor E. Watts and seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson  
**RESOLVED** that the presentation be noted.

Lorna Wallace (CVP) and the Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager left the meeting.

The Head of Regeneration and Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager entered the meeting.

### **889. HOUSING STOCK - CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Director of Neighbourhoods presented the report which gave a draft proposal for capital investment in housing stock for the 2010/11 Financial Report, for Members consideration.

It was noted that there were less than 100 properties to complete to reach the decent homes standard and with the surplus budget, it was intended to commence a replacement roofing programme (Creswell, Pinxtton and Clowne), repairing gable end walls where needed (New Bolsover) and installing fire walls where these are missing. An increase in expenditure on replacement doors contract was also proposed as this had been identified by the tenants.

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson and seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett  
**RESOLVED** that (1) the recommended capital programme, be approved,

(2) the Head of Housing be permitted to make adjustments to the individual budgets within the programme, but these changes should be made in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Management and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration

**Reason for Decision: To ensure housing capital expenditure is directed at the most important housing requirements.**

(Head of Housing)

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### 890. HOUSING MARKET AREA HOUSING STRATEGY AND THE SINGLE CONVERSATION PROCESS

Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration introduced the report which gave details of the strategy and single conversation process.

The Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager noted that Terms of Reference were being formulated which would be brought to a future meeting. The report gave details of events undertaken, the structure of the single conversation and proposals for funding.

A question was asked regarding whether there would be a common approach to the quality of build of the housing between the authorities and the Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager noted that this was covered by the action plan. All decisions would be made by all the authorities involved.

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly  
**RESOLVED** that (1) Members approve and adopt the North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area Housing Strategy,

(2) Members note the accelerated Single Conversation Programme and actions underway to deliver that programme,

(3) Members request a further report on the extended Terms of Reference for the Executive Sounding Board that will seek to include Planning and Economic Development for the purposes of Single Conversation delivery,

(4) Members recognise that the HMA Housing Strategy Workshop February 2010 constituted the primary consultation event for delivery of a Local Housing Strategy.

**Reason for Decision: To enable housing-led regeneration to occur within the District using new funding regimes.**

(Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager)

The Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager left the meeting

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### 891. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Moved by Councillor J.E. Bennett, seconded by Councillor E. Watts

**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 they involve 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.

### 892. CHESTERFIELD EXTRUSIONS EXEMPT - PARAGRAPH 3

Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration introduced the report in respect of rent arrears at Pleasley Vale Mills. He noted that lessons had been learned and that action would be taken earlier in future.

The Head of Regeneration noted that the solution was not perfect, but if the agreement was not adhered to, it would be pursued through the courts.

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson and seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett.

**RESOLVED** that £29,158.61 is written off the rental account against Chesterfield Extrusions for the space the company formally rented at Pleasley Vale Mills. An agreement is entered into with the company to ensure that £500 is paid off per month until a total of £20,000 is recovered in full and final settlement of all claims between the Council and Chesterfield Extrusions.

**Reasons for Decision: To effectively deal with any long standing debt relating to rental income at Pleasley Vale Mills.**

(Head of Regeneration)

The Head of Regeneration left the meeting.

The Procurement Officer entered the meeting.

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### 893. TENDER - DECENT HOMES STANDARD KITCHENS EXEMPT - PARAGRAPH 3

Seven tenders for the above contract had been received before the deadline.

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor E. Watts

**RESOLVED** that 1) the Executive witness the opening of the tenders,

2) the tenders be passed to the Evaluation Team for final evaluation,

3) a report for Members' information providing details of the tenders and evaluation process be submitted.

**Reason for Decision:** In order to secure the lowest tender and best value for money in accordance with Standing Orders Contracts.

The date for preliminary evaluation of these tenders is 27th April 2010 at 1430 hours.

(Head of Shared Procurement)

The meeting concluded at 1200 hours.