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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of Bolsover District Council held in Committee Room One, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Monday 10th January 2011 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, B.R. Murray-Carr and A. M. Syrett.

Officers:-

W. Lumley (Chief Executive Officer), J. Brooks (Director of Resources), K. Hopkinson (Director of Development), S. Tomlinson (Director of Neighbourhoods), J. Fieldsend (Senior Principal Solicitor), D. Eccles (Head of Regeneration) (to minute no. 685) and R. Leadbeater (Democratic Services Officer).

Representatives from Groundwork Creswell, Trevor Witts (Executive Director) Darren Pollard (Deputy Executive Director (Construction, Housing and landscape)) and Jim Mould (Chairman of the Groundwork Creswell Trust), were in attendance to minute no. 685.

678. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed representatives from Groundwork Creswell to the meeting.

679. APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received from Councillor E. Watts

680. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

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681. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Minute No.	Member	Level of Interest
686.	Councillor A. F. Tomlinson	Personal and Prejudicial

682. MINUTES – 6TH DECEMBER 2010

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman, seconded by Councillor J. E. Bennett
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 6th December 2010 be approved as a true record.

683. MINUTES – 9TH DECEMBER 2010

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 9th December 2010 be approved as a true record.

684. MINUTES – 20TH DECEMBER 2010

Councillor Murray-Carr requested that an amendment be made to the minutes to remove the paragraph 'Councillor Murray-Carr suggested that the Improvement Scrutiny Committee may need to consider meetings with the Court User Group to ensure a full understanding of the process was included as part of the rent arrears review' and replaced with ' Councillor Murray-Carr suggested that a request be made to the Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board that a court user group be set up to improve working relationships between local authorities and the magistrates and county courts'.

Moved by Councillor B. R. Murray-Carr, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the minutes of the re-convened Executive of 20th December be amended in respect of the request to the Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board to set up a court user group.

(Chief Executive Officer)

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Moved by Councillor A. F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the minutes of the re-convened Executive of the 20th
December, 2010 be approved as a true record subject to the
agreed amendment.

Councillor A.F. Tomlinson reaffirmed a personal and prejudicial interest in the
Groundwork Creswell item and left the meeting.

685. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Moved by Councillor J.E. Bennett, seconded by Councillor B. R. Murray-Carr
RESOLVED that Councillor D. McGregor be appointed as Chair for the duration
of the presentation by Groundwork Creswell.

Councillor D. McGregor in the Chair

686. PRESENTATION BY GROUNDWORK CRESWELL

Trevor Witts provided a presentation to Members on the activity of Groundwork
Creswell over the 2010/11 year.

Members were advised of the major programmes in process.

Education Review – This included projects such as the Future Jobs Fund which
to date had provided job skills training to 84 unemployed people and Vocational
Work with schools including specialist provision for excluded pupils which had
proven hugely successful. The projects' New Horizons scheme had assisted 12
ex-offenders in gaining construction related skills.

Environment Review – This included major projects in Brook Park, a New
Houghton Play area which would be completed by the end of March 2011 and
developments in respect of a feasibility study for a Pleasley Play Area. Funding
for this project would be sought next year and ongoing discussions were taking
place in respect of the development of the Clowne Skate Park.

Construction Review – Whaley Thorns Year 11 was a £200,000 scheme to be
delivered this year, 33 properties in Bolsover had benefited from the Green
Doctor scheme to significantly reduce CO2 tonnage and Groundwork Creswell
had recently won a tender to construct two new houses in Bolsover with the
possibility of a further ten next year.

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Business Review – Major programmes were in place in conjunction with LEO who provided business coaching and with Creative Greenhouses.

Details of Groundwork Creswell's results in respect of job outputs, qualification provision, the number of learners and businesses supported were provided for Members' information. The achievements in respect of the various aspects of the Service Level Agreement were also provided.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Groundwork Creswell for an informative presentation and invited Members to ask questions.

Discussion took place in respect of Groundwork Creswell's success rate with ex-offenders. Members were advised that the attendance rate was at 98%. It was suggested that the Bolsover Community Safety Partnership could liaise with Groundwork Creswell to improve the effectiveness of similar programmes delivered through the Working Neighbourhoods Fund.

In response to questions, representatives from Groundwork Creswell advised that they were working with Bolsover District Council's Regeneration team to develop a LEADER funding bid to deliver an environmental programme which would assist businesses in reducing their carbon footprint.

Members asked questions with regard to the future financial position of Groundwork Creswell. Members were advised that an approximate £1 million reduction in allocated funding was expected in light of the Government spending cuts. This would impact on the project activity, however Groundwork Creswell's order book for the next financial year was already 50% full and there was confidence that a further 38% was forthcoming. It was added that Groundwork Creswell had been approached by a local college with a view to delivering an apprentice scheme and other schemes were currently in development.

Further discussions took place in respect of the organisational structure of Groundwork Creswell.

Thanks were extended to representatives from Groundwork Creswell for their attendance.

Messrs Witts, Pollard and Mould and The Head of Regeneration left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman, seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett
RESOLVED that the payment for 2010/11 totalling £18,000 is released to
Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield.

**REASON FOR DECISION: To release payment to Groundwork Creswell,
Ashfield and Mansfield.**

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Councillor A. F. Tomlinson re-joined the meeting

Councillor A.F. Tomlinson in the Chair

687. RECORD OF DECISION NOTICES FROM THE JOINT BOARD MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2010

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the decisions from the Joint Board meeting held on 23rd November 2010 be noted.

688. REFERRED ITEM FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE 15TH DECEMBER 2010 – IFRS UPDATE

Councillor Hodkin presented the report which had been referred to Executive by the Audit Committee. Concerns had been raised by the District Auditor in respect of the Authority's capacity to carry out the volume of work required to incorporate the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) into the 2010/11 Statement of Accounts. The Audit Committee had requested that the Executive be made aware of possible resource issues, particularly in Financial Services.

Members attention was drawn to the progress on work carried out to date and work still outstanding which was outlined in detail in the report. Progress reports would be provided to Cabinet.

Members asked questions to which the Director of Resources responded.

Moved by Councillor A. J. Hodkin, seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr
RESOLVED that the progress made and work outstanding on the incorporation of the International Financial Reporting (IFRS) into the Authority's Statement of Accounts be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep informed Members of the progress on the production of the Statement of Accounts and potential issues regarding resources.

(Director of Resources)

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689. WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND MONITORING REPORT – QUARTER 2 UPDATE 2010/11

The Chief Executive Officer presented the report which provided Members with an update to quarter 2 of 2010/11 in respect of Working Neighbourhoods Funding.

Members' attention was drawn to the separate document which provided details of project case studies and how the various interventions made possible through Working Neighbourhoods Funding had positively impacted on the lives of individuals. It was added that a total of 767 people had gained employment through training opportunities provided by the funding which had been a tremendous achievement and success. The Chief Executive Officer advised that progress reports would be brought to future meetings of the Council to ensure that all elected Members were aware.

Members were advised that WNF was in place until March 2012, however the future of projects funded by WNF after this date was uncertain.

Discussions took place in respect of proposed future presentations to the Council.

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman, seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that Working Neighbourhoods
Funding is targeted to best effect.**

The meeting concluded at 1050 hours.