

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY PANEL

Minutes from the Meeting of the Environment and Community Panel held on Tuesday, 4th September, 2018 at 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn

PRESENT: Councillor C Sampson (Chairman), Miss L Bambridge, Mrs C Bower, T Bubb, Mrs S Collop, Mrs S Fraser, T Parish, M Taylor, Mrs J Westrop and Mrs M Wilkinson.

Portfolio Holders:

Councillor I Devereux – Portfolio Holder for Environment

Officers:

Duncan Hall – Housing Services Manager

Ray Harding – Chief Executive

Honor Howell – Assistant Director

EC33: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Hipperson.

EC34: MINUTES

RESOLVED: The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 24th July 2018 and the special meeting held on 14th August 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

EC35: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EC36: URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

EC37: MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34

Councillor D Pope – EC41: Update on Leisure Options Appraisal.

EC38: CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

EC39: **HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING DELIVERY TASK GROUP**

The Panel considered a report which invited them to arrange for the establishment of a Homelessness and Housing Delivery Task Group. The Panel was reminded that at their meeting on 24th July 2018 they had received a presentation on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping and had agreed to establish a Task Group.

The Panel were provided with detail on the purpose and role of the Group.

Councillor Westrop asked if the role of the Task Group could be extended to cover housing issued faced by 16 to 24 year olds. The Housing Services Manager agreed that this should be added to the Group's Terms of Reference.

The Chairman thanked the Housing Services Manager for the tour of Broad Street which was held prior to the meeting and commented that he was very impressed with the facilities.

RESOLVED: 1. The Panel agreed to the establishment of a five member Task Group to look at Homelessness and Housing Delivery.
2. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Task Group subject to the addition highlighted by Councillor Westrop relating to the impact on young people.
3. The Democratic Services Officer to be instructed to seek Membership from Group Leaders for the Homelessness and Housing Delivery Task Group for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

EC40: **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2 or 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

EC41: **EXEMPT - UPDATE ON LEISURE OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

The Chief Executive provided an update on the Leisure Options Appraisal.

RESOLVED: The update was noted.

EC42: **WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD DECISION LIST**

The following items were identified for consideration for addition to the Work Programme:

- Updates from the Homelessness and Housing Delivery Task Group – as required.
- Presentation on the Early Help Hub.
- Seagulls.

The Panel was reminded that updates from the Derelict Land and Buildings Group were presented to the Regeneration and Development Panel.

RESOLVED: The Panel's Work Programme was noted.

EC43: **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environment and Community Panel would be held on 16th October 2018 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm