

7 APRIL 2010

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 7 April 2010.

p Cllr B Rickman (Chairman)
e Cllr E J Heron (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

p G C Beck
p Mrs D M Brooks
p Mrs J L Cleary

Councillors:

p Mrs M D Holding
p C R Treleaven
p C A Wise

In Attendance:

Councillors:

Ms L C Ford
C J Harrison
Mrs M E Lewis
Mrs S I Snowden

Councillors:

A J Swain
R A Wappet
P R Woods

Also In Attendance:

Mr M Akerman and Mr G Waters, Housing Policy and Report Focus Group Representatives.

Officers Attending:

D Yates, R Jackson, J Mascal, Ms J Bateman, Mrs D MacLean and Miss G O'Rourke and for part of the meeting Ms J Bailey, A Bradbury and K Smith.

80. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2010, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with any agenda item.

82. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

83. HOWARDS MEAD COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING PROJECT – UPDATE (REPORT A).

The Cabinet noted with pleasure the progress so far on the project to build council houses at Howards Mead, Pennington. The Planning Development Control Committee would consider a planning application at their meeting on 14 April 2010 and, subject to all necessary agreements it was envisaged that the work would start on site on 1 June 2010.

The Housing Portfolio Holder said that this was the first time in twenty five years that the Council had been in a position to build its own houses and this was a remarkable achievement.

RESOLVED:

That the current position and the progress being made to deliver the new affordable housing be noted and authority be given to enter into the necessary contracts subject to the Project board being satisfied as to the terms.

84. LYMINGTON HEALTH AND LEISURE CENTRE – DEVELOPMENT OF STEAM/SAUNA CABIN (REPORT B).

The Cabinet considered a proposal to build separate steam and sauna cabins with an adjacent relaxation area at Lymington Health and Leisure Centre on the poolside next to the learner pool, where the poolside store and first aid room were currently situated.

The Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters Portfolio Holder supported the proposal and said that the expansion would improve the Lymington Health and Leisure Centre's competitiveness in the local market and in membership sales and retention. The work would be timed to coincide with the pool closure for other refurbishment work.

RECOMMEND:

- (a) That the business case for relocating the existing first aid room and building a new steam and sauna cabin with associated relaxation area as set out in Report E to the Cabinet be agreed;**
- (b) That the revenue implications as set out in paragraph 3.4 of Report E to the Cabinet be noted; and**
- (c) That a supplementary capital estimate of £57,000 be approved in 2010/11 with a £15,000 capital requirement in 2015/16.**

85. NATIONAL NETWORK OF STRATEGIC REGIONAL COASTAL MONITORING PROGRAMMES (2011-2016) (REPORT C).

The Cabinet considered proposals for the integration of the South East Strategic Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme into the National Network of Monitoring Programmes.

Members noted that the Council would lead on the programme development and take the lead role in national initiatives where appropriate. They commended the Coastal Projects Manager for the work that he had undertaken both locally and nationally.

The programme would be 100% funded through the Coast Protection Act grant rate system and there would be no additional cost to the Council. The national programme had the potential for large scale actual and efficiency savings to the taxpayer in the region of £200m in the first five years.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That approval in principle be given to the integration of the southeast monitoring programme into the national network of regional monitoring programmes;
- (b) That approval in principle be given for NFDC to continue to act as the lead authority in the application to the Environment Agency for funding of the national network of regional monitoring programmes; and
- (c) That approval in principle be given for NFDC to act as the lead authority in the development and management of the national network of regional monitoring programmes.

86. KEY TARGETS – 2009/2010 PERFORMANCE AND 2010/2011 PROPOSED (REPORT D).

Each year the Council set key targets to help deliver improved outcomes for the organisation and the community. The Cabinet considered the performance against the 2009/2010 targets and the proposed new targets for 2010/2011.

The Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder made some minor amendments to the Planning and Transportation Key targets for 2010/2011.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the following amendments being made to Report D to the Cabinet:-

Page 21 – 8.2 – Replace the first bullet point with:-

Prepare draft “Sites and Development Management” Development Plan Document and progress through public consultation.

Page 21 – 8.4 – Replace the first bullet point with:-

Adopt the New Milton Local Distinctiveness Supplementary Planning Document, progress the Lymington Supplementary Planning Document to public consultation and start work on the Ringwood Supplementary Planning Document.

the performance assessment for inclusion in the Portfolio Plans 'Looking Back' at 2009/10 and the draft key targets for 2010/11 be agreed.

87. **COMMUNITY STRATEGY ACTION PLANS 2009/10 PERFORMANCE AND 2010/11 DRAFT (REPORT E).**

Each year an action plan was developed and delivered by each of the Local Strategic Partnership's Community Action Networks for each topic chapter of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

The Cabinet considered the performance against the 2009/2010 actions and the proposed actions for 2010/2011 put forward by the Partnership.

Members noted the addition of Section 5 Natural Environment (page 21) to the document.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the performance report on the Community Strategy Action Plan for 2009/10 be noted; and
- (ii) That, subject to the inclusion of 'Section 5 Natural Environment' as set out below:-

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SCS ACTION PLAN 2010/11

Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners Involved	Significant Links to SCS Priorities
NE.1 Establish New Forest Higher Level Scheme Partnership New Forest including restoring 300ha of SSSI to recovering condition; undertaking LIDAR survey of Crown Lands and maintaining Verderers Grazing Scheme	Forestry Commission / New Forest National Park Authority / Verderers	Natural England / Commoners Defence Association / Environment Agency	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 4.3
NE.2 Secure resources for ongoing alien plants project for the New Forest and extend to lower River Avon	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust	Forestry Commission / Environment Agency / New Forest National Park Authority	5.1, 5.2, 13.4

Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners Involved	Significant Links to SCS Priorities
NE.3 Produce a biodiversity action plan for the New Forest	New Forest National Park Authority	New Forest District Council / Forestry Commission / Environment Agency / Natural England / HIOWT	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 4.2, 4.3
NE.4 Produce a Landscape Strategy for the National Park	New Forest National Park Authority	New Forest District Council / Forestry Commission / Hampshire County Council / Natural England / HIOWT / Test Valley Borough Council / Wiltshire Council	5.3, 5.4, 4.1, 4.2
NE.5 Produce design guidance (to complement NE.4) for entrances, surfaces and signs for private residences on the Crown Lands	Forestry Commission	New Forest National Park Authority / Verderers	5.4
NE.6 Develop a successful land management advisory service (including seeking to improve the management of SINCS)	Natural England/ New Forest National Park Authority / Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust	Forestry Commission / Hampshire County Council	5.2
NE.7 Develop a forest design plan for the Open Forest to guide tree management on the heaths and reduce number of individual consents	Forestry Commission	Natural England / New Forest National Park Authority / Verderers / Commoners Defence Association	5.1, 5.2

the draft Sustainable Community Strategy action plan for 2010/11 be agreed.

CHAIRMAN

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