

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS) held in Civic Suite 0.1A, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 10th January 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor T D Alban – Chairman.

Councillors B S Banks, R E Bellamy, S Bywater, B S Chapman, J W Davies, Ms A Diaz, K I Prentice, Mrs S Smith and Mrs J Tavener.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S J Criswell and D R Underwood.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Mrs P A Jordan and J M Palmer.

44. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2018 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

45. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

46. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Panel received and noted the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions (a copy of which has been appended in the Minute Book) which has been prepared by the Executive Leader for the period 1st January 2019 to 30th April 2019.

47. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

48. HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK LONG TERM BUSINESS PLAN

With the aid of a report by the Head of Operations (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Long Term Business Plan was presented to the Panel.

The Panel was informed that a business plan for the preferred option has been developed and it is that business plan which was being considered.

After lengthy consideration, the Panel noted the report and commended the Executive Councillor for Partnerships and Well-Being and Officers for the innovative and thorough approach. In addition, the Panel hopes that the Council continues with the collaborative and inclusive approach to maintaining and development the park.

The Panel recommends the plans proceed subject to the criteria laid out by the Executive Councillor for Partnerships and Well-Being.

49. PAXTON PITS OUTLINE CASE PRESENTATION

With the aid of a presentation from the Executive Councillor for Partnerships and Well-Being and the Head of Operations, the Paxton Pits Outline Case was presented to the Panel.

As background information, Members were informed of the current offering on the site, the challenges and the options available. The strengths and weaknesses of each option were outlined and Members were invited to comment on them.

Members scrutinised the preferred option and suggested a number of improvements.

After consideration the Panel resolved that the preferred option is pursued and that a full business case is developed.

(At 8.23pm, during the consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs P A Jordan left the meeting and did not return.)

50. RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

51. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was presented to the Panel.

Chairman