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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF CABINET MEMBERS

6 July 2005 - 5.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Collins (in the Chair); Councillors Lawley, Page, Smith and Stone.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coleman and Shrimplin.

Mr M Barrow (Corporate Director Environment and Economy), Mr D Cole (Principal Valuation Surveyor), Mr D Frowde (Head of Architectural Services), Mr J Hemsworth (Head of Environment and Health), Mr B Sharma (Corporate Director Resources), Ms N Swan (Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Mr R Hodds (Member Services Manager)

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the 21 June 2005 were confirmed.

2. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Lead Cabinet Members provided an update on the following priorities on an exception basis:-

- **Stronger Communities**

No items to report under this heading.

- **Economic**

No items to report under this heading

- **Environment**

No items to report under this heading.

- **Social**

Cabinet Members were advised that the Cabinet Support Member (Social) would be looking at issues relating to Affordable Housing in the near future.

- **Resources**

The Cabinet Member (Resources) reported on the progress with regard to issues relating to Single Status and Job Evaluation. He expressed concern about the level of interest in all areas concerning these issues and on the need to give these matters top priority.

- **Putting People First**

No items to report under this heading.

3. TRIM TRAIL – GORLESTON CLIFFS

Cabinet Members were reminded that as agreed at the last meeting a meeting had been held on 29 June with representatives from the Rotary Club of Gorleston and the Mia Lucy Rose Trust to discuss issues relating to the installation of commemorative plaques.

Accordingly, Cabinet Members considered the notes of the meeting held on 29 June when Members had received the legal agreement with the Rotary Club regarding the use of plaques in the proposed bandstand. The agreement had stated that the use or sale and design of the plaques should be in a form acceptable to the Council and that the Borough Council would be responsible for the arrangements with regard to the production of the plaques.

With regard to the Mia Lucy Rose Trust, Members were advised that the Trust wished to sell plaques in order to reimburse their charity's fund following installation and purchase of fencing to improve safety/security of the Trail. The Trust had stated that the fencing had been designed with presentation of plaques in mind. The meeting with the Trust representatives had considered a suggestion that a contribution to the Mia Lucy Rose Trust

Charity's fund might be an alternative method of supporting the Trust without setting a precedent. Members had been advised that the cost of the fencing around the Trail was £10,000 of which £2,000 was attributable to the change of design to accommodate plaques.

Cabinet Members also considered a report tabled by the Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer giving legal advice on the agreement with the Gorleston Rotary Club regarding placing of plaques on a bandstand, and on the making of a general policy regarding plaques at Gorleston Seafront, and also with regard to the request from the Mia Lucy Rose Trust to place on plaques on the Trim Trail site fencing. The Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer reported that the obligation rests with the Council to place plaques on the bandstand in a reasonably acceptable form as determined by the Head of Environment and Health. At present there was no specific general policy regarding the placing of plaques within the Borough and Cabinet may wish to ask Executive to consider that such a policy should be created for future reference and guidance. Members also advised that the Head of Environment and Health has power under the Constitution to decide the requests from both the Rotary Club and the Mia Lucy Rose Trust.

Cabinet Members endorsed the proposed action of the Head of Environmental Health on the above issues as follows:-

- That the Rotary Club of Gorleston be allowed to place plaques on the bandstand to a style that would state a name and a figure of donation.
- To advise the Mia Lucy Rose Trust that the placing of plaques on the Trim Trail fencing will not be allowed, but that the Borough Council is willing to donate a sum of £2,000 towards the cost of the provision of the fencing provided around the Trim Trail.

- To ask the Executive to consider making a general policy regarding the placement of memorial plaques in the Borough.

4. GREAT AND YARMOUTH AND LOWESTOFT JOINT MEMBERS MEETINGS

The Head of Planning and Development provided an update of progress being made towards joint working on a wide range of policy issues including housing, economic development, planning and transport policy issues. Members were advised that these meetings were held quarterly and involved Member and Officer Representatives from the two County Councils and two Districts and the Broads Authority. Other sub-regional partners (EGPCT) were also occasional participants. Members were advised that the Group was making significant headway in its work to achieve an effective sub-regional voice on both sub-regional and regional issues. Cabinet Members received for information the notes of the meetings of the Group held on 14 September 2004 and 18 January and 22 March 2005.

5. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE ADVISORY GROUPS/POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members were advised that there were no items for consideration by the above.

6. THE WINTER GARDENS

The Corporate Director (Environment and Economy) updated Members with regard to the present position in respect of the Winter Gardens. He reported that representatives from English Heritage had now inspected the building and that a possible range of options were currently being considered. The Head of Architectural Services also reported that the Council's Consultants, (Messrs Fordham Johns) were also considering the suggestions raised at the meeting with English Heritage and were also considering other possible options to retain the building. He also reminded Cabinet Members of the action that would be taken, in accordance with the agreed safety plan, in the event of high winds requiring the evacuation of this building. The Corporate Director (Environment and Economy) also stated that the Council needed to show that all options had been considered in respect of these premises prior to any decision with regard to possible demolition of the Winter Gardens.

Cabinet Members were advised that a full report on this issue would be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 20 July 2005.

7. LOCAL ENTERPRISE GROWTH INITIATIVE

The Corporate Director (Environment and Economy) reported on correspondence received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister with regard to the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative. Members were advised that this Initiative would be supported by Government funding for deprived areas in the sum of £M300. The Borough Council had expressed an interest to the ODPM and this had been submitted by the deadline date of 30 June. Cabinet Members were advised that there would be grant available in the sum of £80,000 to assist with the preparation of the bid and Cabinet Members endorsed the Officer's proposed action to pursue the request for grant aid to facilitate the preparation of the necessary bid for funding.

8. LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION – INTEGRATED SERVICE CENTRE

Cabinet Members considered the report of the Corporate Director (Environment and Economy) which asked Members to support the proposals to jointly develop office accommodation with the Great Yarmouth PCT and Norfolk County Council. Members were advised that this report would be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 20 July.

9. 1-3 SOUTH QUAY TENANT PROBLEM

The Corporate Director (Social) reported on a tenant problem associated with a resident of 1-3 South Quay Great Yarmouth. The Corporate Director (Environment and Economy) advised Cabinet Members of the action that had been put in place to overcome this particular problem.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm.

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