Minutes



Asset and Enterprise Committee Wednesday, 18th February, 2015

Attendance

Cllr Sapwell (Vice-Chair, in the Chair) Cllr Aspinell Cllr Mrs Coe Cllr Hirst Cllr Kerslake Cllr Morrissey (Acting Vice-Chair) Cllr Sleep

Substitutes Present

Cllr Kendall (Substituting for Cllr Quirk) Cllr Le-Surf (Substituting for Cllr Clark) Cllr Mrs McKinlay (Substituting for Cllr Cloke)

Also Present

Cllr Baker Cllr Hossack Cllr Mrs Murphy Cllr Mynott Cllr Reed Cllr Ms Sanders Cllr Clark (during the latter part of the meeting)

Officers Present

John ParlingStrategic Asset ManagerChris PotterMonitoring Officer & Head of Support ServicesJean SharpGovernance and Member Support OfficerAdrian TidburyEstates and Valuation Surveyor

456. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clark, Cloke and Quirk. Cllr Clark attended during the latter part of the meeting.

457. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 21 January 2015 Asset and Enterprise Committee meeting were a true record.

458. Hutton Community Centre - New Lease

The report before Members considered the response to the expressions of interest received from organisations interested in taking a medium term lease on the Hutton Community Centre. The four proposals received were outlined within the report, however, the proposal from Purple Puddles was withdrawn before the meeting took place.

There were two confidential appendices before Members which provided further details on the proposals, including some financial information, and a summary of each.

Before the Committee considered the expressions of interest, each organisation made a presentation and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of each representative.

Presentations were received from:

- Build a Better Hutton
- Hope Community Church
- Essex Boys and Girls Clubs

At the end of the presentations and questions from Members, the Committee agreed to have a short comfort break and the meeting was adjourned for ten minutes.

Upon recommencement of the meeting, in accordance with Rule 28.1 of the Council's Procedure rules, the Committee **RESOLVED** to continue with the business of the meeting since it had not been concluded within two hours.

Cllr Aspinell MOVED and Cllr Le-Surf SECONDED the following:

That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Asset Manager after consultation with the Chair of Asset and Enterprise Committee to negotiate and enter into a lease of the Hutton Community Centre with Essex Boys and Girls Clubs.

CIIr Hirst MOVED and CIIr Mrs McKinlay SECONDED an AMENDMENT as follows:

That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Asset Manager after consultation with the Chair of Asset and Enterprise Committee to negotiate with both the Essex Boys and Girls Club and Build a Better Hutton Group regarding the lease of the Hutton Community Centre and bring it back to the next Committee for a final decision. Following a full discussion a recorded vote was requested in accordance with Rule 9.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Members voted as follows:

FOR: Cllrs Mrs Coe, Hirst, Kerslake, Mrs McKinlay and Sleep (5)

AGAINST: Cllrs Aspinell, Kendall, Le-Surf, Morrissey and Sapwell (5)

The Chair exercised his casting vote and the AMENDMENT was LOST.

Returning to the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION, following further discussion, CIIr Mrs McKinlay MOVED and CIIr Hirst SECONDED that the decision be DEFERRED.

A vote was taken on a show of hands and the MOTION to DEFER was LOST, the Chair having exercised his casting vote.

A recorded vote was requested on the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION in accordance with Rule 9.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Members voted as follows:

FOR: Cllrs Aspinell, Kendall, Le-Surf, Morrissey and Sapwell (5)

AGAINST: Cllrs Mrs Coe, Hirst, Kerslake, Mrs McKinlay and Sleep (5)

The Chair exercised his casting vote and the MOTION was CARRIED. It was therefore RESOLVED:

That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Asset Manager after consultation with the Chair of Asset and Enterprise Committee to negotiate and enter into a lease of the Hutton Community Centre with Essex Boys and Girls Clubs.

459. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.