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Minutes of the **MEETING of the GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held via Zoom on Thursday, 7th April, 2022 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:	Councillor J Fox (Chair) Councillor M Oxley (Vice Chair) Councillor G Brown Councillor G Waller
APOLOGIES	Councillor N Begy Councillor L Toseland Councillor R Wilson
PORTFOLIO HOLDERS PRESENT	Councillor L Stephenson Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change Councillor I Razzell Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport
OFFICERS PRESENT:	Penny Sharp Strategic Director of Places Robert Clayton Head of Culture & Registration Jane Narey Scrutiny Officer

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor Fox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor N Begy, Councillor L Toseland and Councillor R Wilson.

2 RECORD OF MEETING

Councillor Fox informed members that, since the last meeting, it had been deemed that '4Oakham' was a limited company so the Council had no authority regarding its closure.

Councillor Fox confirmed that the sharing of data mapping with Parish Councils had been recommended to Cabinet and it was agreed that the Strategic Director of Places and the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change would update members outside of the meeting regarding this matter and that of the use of Parish Online.

ACTION: Strategic Director of Places and the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change

The remaining minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

There were no petitions, deputations or questions.

5 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

There were no questions with notice received from members

6 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

There were no notices of motion received from members

7 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

There were no call-ins.

8 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee determined that the public and press should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and in accordance with the Access to Information provisions of Procedure Rule 239, as the following item of business was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

Paragraph 4: Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

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Councillor Fox closed the Public Session at 7:11 p.m.

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9 CULTURE REVIEW

Exempt Report No. 72/2022 was received from Councillor L Stephenson, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change.

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The Public Session re-commenced at 8:10 p.m.

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10 REVISED PARKING POLICY: UPDATE

A verbal update was received from Councillor I Razzell, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport. During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- The Parking Policy was out for public consultation from the 28th March 2022 to the 1st May 2022.
[Parking Strategy | Rutland County Council](#)
- Promotion of the public consultation was ongoing to all residents, businesses, stakeholders etc.
- Feedback could be done online, by email or telephone and by hard copy.
- The vision of the new parking policy was to deliver a public parking provision (including infrastructure and enforcement) that supported our county's economy and environmental goals by enabling our residents, businesses and visitors to safely access and enjoy local services and amenities.
- The policy's primary objectives were to:
 - Ensure the safety of those using our highways – however they chose to travel,
 - Provide access to services and enable the efficient movement of vehicles through our towns and along key routes; and
 - Ensure parking provision and other parking services were economically sustainable.
- Feedback from Rutland residents and stakeholders would be key to the success of the parking policy.
- The public consultation had been promoted through the 'Rutland Roundup' to ensure that all Parish Councils were aware. Parish Councils and Town Councils would also be contacted directly so that they were actively engaged with the consultation process and could promote it more effectively across their specific areas.
- The Director of Places confirmed that the public consultation was not time critical so Scrutiny could recommend that the timescales be extended.

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

- a) **RECOMMENDED** that the Strategic Director of Places and the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport extended the timescales for the public consultation so Parish and Town Councils could be fully engaged with the process.

11 DOMESTIC WASTE AND RELATED CONTRACTS - OPTIONS

Report No. 70/2022 was received from Councillor L Stephenson, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change. During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- Any future waste containers would remain consistent in colour so as not to cause confusion i.e. the grey bin would remain the recycling bin etc.
- The Director of Places confirmed that no specific guidelines for the colour of waste containers for all Councils had been received i.e. all recycling bins must be grey. She confirmed that guidelines would create uniformity and consistency across the country but they would also lead to increased costs for many councils who would have to change the use of their waste containers to fit the guidelines and then communicate this to their residents.
- The Committee suggested that a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document should be produced to assist the public with what can/cannot be put into each waste container.

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

- a) **NOTED** the decision made by Cabinet of the preferred option 2bii for waste and recycling collections, as set out below:
 - i. Dry mixed recycling with paper and cardboard to be collected separately every fortnight
 - ii. Separate weekly food waste collections
 - iii. Reduced capacity residual waste bin to be collected fortnightly

12 LEISURE UPDATE

Report No. 71/2022 was received from Councillor L Stephenson, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change. During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- The swimming pool at Catmose College would be demolished at a greatly reduced cost to the Council of £150,000 and this would be paid for from Council reserves.
- The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change confirmed that there would be no publicly owned swimming pool in Oakham due to the high building costs. Examples of the costs involved for the building of swimming pools included Hinckley swimming pool, which cost £15 million, Coalville and Whitwick swimming pool, which cost £22.5 million and Bedworth swimming pool, which cost £24 million. These costs were purely for the capital investment and did not include any day-to-day running costs.
- Oakham and Uppingham Schools had both increased their offer of the use of their swimming lessons to primary school aged pupils.
- Soft market testing had been done in partnership with Welland Procurement for the dry-side only leisure management contract for the Catmose Sports Centre and some responses had been received.
- The Stakeholder Group for the leisure contract had met and Terms of Reference had been agreed.
- The Committee publicly thanked the Director of Places and her team for producing such an excellent deal for RCC when compared with what it could have cost the Council.

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

- a) **NOTED** the recommendation to Cabinet to the Director for Places, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Portfolio for Communities, Environment and Climate Change, to progress to procurement of a dry-side only leisure management contract for the Catmose Sports Centre on a nil-cost basis for both the Council and Catmose College, following soft market testing undertaken in partnership with Welland Procurement. Award of any contract will be subject to Cabinet approval as part of the procurement process.
- b) **NOTED** the recommendation to Cabinet to the termination of the Council's lease for the Catmose Pool and Auxiliary Sports Hall area of the Catmose Campus; and the contribution of a maximum of £150,000 to Catmose College to facilitate the

demolition of the Pool, which will reduce the risks associated with the derelict part of the site and enable the Campus rebuild work to be expedited.

13 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN

- Following the Scrutiny Review and dependent on the decision made at Council on the 11th April 2022, there could be a new format for scrutiny.
- As a result, a draft work plan was outlined for the next constitutional year listing possible future items for discussion. These were as follows:
 - Biodiversity Network: national and regional assessment framework
 - Carbon Management (Cllr A Brown)
 - Culture Review: Update (P Sharp) – June/July 2022
 - Local Plan: Sustainability
 - Minerals Authority Contract: Update - June/July 2022
 - Property Asset Review (P Sharp)
 - Public Consultation Feedback: Parking Policy

14 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business

15 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Future meeting dates would be confirmed at Annual Council on the 9th May 2022

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS

No.	Ref.	Action	Person
1.	2	To update members outside of the meeting regarding the sharing of data mapping with Parish Councils and the use of Parish Online.	Strategic Director of Places and the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change

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Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56 pm.

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