



Rutland County Council

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Record of a meeting of the **PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 20 June 2013**

PRESENT: Mr J T Dale (Chairman, in the Chair)
Mr W J Cross
Mr D C Hollis
Mr J Lammie
Mr B A Montgomery
Mr M A Oxley
Mrs C L Vernon

OFFICERS	Mrs V Brambini	Operational Director for Places
PRESENT:	Mr D Brown	Operational Director for Places
	Mr R Clayton	Team Manager for Culture and Leisure
	Mrs L Kingsley	Senior Economic Development Officer
	Mr A Daynes	Democratic Services

IN	Mr T C King	Portfolio Holder for Finance, Property, Development Control, Planning Policy, Economic Development and Tourism
ATTENDANCE:	Mr M D A Pocock	Portfolio Holder for Highways, Waste and Recycling, Transport and Parking, Revenues and Benefits, Democratic Services
	Mr P Lawson	Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership

NON-PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr G Plews

APOLOGIES: Mr M E Baines and Mr D Richardson.

121 RECORD OF MEETINGS

The Record of the Meeting of the Places Scrutiny Panel held on 25 April 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, was confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

122 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Dale declared that a previous pecuniary interest relating to agenda item 7,

Oakham Enterprise Park, was no longer relevant so asked that only an interest on the grounds of probity was recorded.

123 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputation or questions had been received.

124 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No Questions with Notice had been received from members.

125 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No Notices of Motion had been received from members.

126 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

No matter had been referred to the Panel for a decision in relation to call-in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

SCRUTINY

127 OAKHAM ENTERPRISE PARK

Report 154/2013 was received from the Operational Director for Places in order to update the panel on progress following the acquisition of the former HMP Ashwell site in December 2012.

The Portfolio Holder, Mr King, advised the panel that officers were still working to the original business plan and that tenants were likely to confirm closer to September following initial phase 1 works in the summer. Approximately £350,000 of S106 funds had been agreed with Sainsbury's for improvements to the sports centre.

The following points were noted during discussion:

- Lower level razor wire was being removed by the Army;
- Rear of the site would retain security features;
- No plans yet for more tree planting in the parking areas, some potential tenants wanted the site to be visible from the road;
- There will be a reasonable site maintenance charge levied to tenants;
- Any asbestos discovered would be professionally removed and this would be reflected in the contract cost;
- Aiming more for large block bookings from sports clubs for use of the sports centre rather than individual bookings;

- Income generated from the sports centre was not included in the business plan so would be extra income;
- The Council was considering a business loan start up scheme among other means of supporting new businesses;
- A further report in November should indicate the expected number of employees on the site;
- The former kitchen is a specialist unit so a food producer was anticipated to come forward for this following specialist marketing;
- Options and requirements for on-site security and monitoring would be discussed with tenants.

AGREED:

- i) That the Panel noted the contents of Report No. 154/2013.

128 RUTLAND TOGETHER CULTURE AND LEISURE STRATEGY 2013-16 AND FACILITIES SURVEY

Report 153/2013 was received from the Operational Director for Places with additional input from the Team Manager for Culture and Leisure, Mr R Clayton and the Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership, Mr P Lawson.

The following points were noted during discussion:

- The appendices contained only the responses received to the survey from leisure organisations following the specific review of needs for the Oakham area relating to the Oakham North developer contribution and previous Council decision not to have an on-site hall but to invest in other off site needs;
- The survey results would add to the final county-wide delivery plan for investment;
- The next survey could be delivered more directly to Parishes;
- Schools that were able to provide large venues had to prioritise school activities, such as exams or plays, and therefore were not always available for regular use.

Further comments from the Panel included:

- A comprehensive cultural strategy was desired;
- Delivery of local improvements and funding must be community led;
- Other sources of funding for voluntary groups were available and could be accessed with Council support.

AGREED:

- i) That the Panel supported the adoption of the Rutland Together Culture

- ii) That the Panel noted the responses to the Sports, Leisure and Recreational Community Facilities in Oakham Survey.
- iii) That the Panel welcomed the engagement between Rutland County Council and the Local Strategic Partnership.

129 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER 4 2012/13

Report number 120/2013 from the Chief Executive had been previously circulated and was introduced by the Operational Director for Places.

The following points were noted during discussion:

- Agenda papers for meetings were not printed in draft print format as this was more difficult to read than standard format and reduced accessibility;
- Regarding CO2 output in the county, only Castle Cement had to report individually, the other figures were generated by a calculation based on the size of roads and other things and were not necessarily an accurate measure of actual output in the county;
- Not all planned housing developments had begun so although the number of new home completions was on target the number of affordable homes may be behind.

AGREED:

- i) That the Panel noted the report.

130 Q4 FINANCIAL MONITORING AND DRAFT FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2012/13

Report no. 122/2013 from the Strategic Director of Resources had been previously circulated and was introduced by the Operational Director Places.

AGREED:

- i) That the Panel noted the report.

131 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

Report no. 146/2013 from the Strategic Director of Resources was received.

The Panel was advised that the Scrutiny Panel for Resources considered the issue of pension costs at its meeting on 30 May 2013.

AGREED:

- i) That the Panel noted the contents of the risk register and the actions

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

132 WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14 AND REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Operational Director for Places, Mr Brown, updated the Panel on the Waste Management Strategy.

Information noted included:

- The Authority would review how waste metal and electrical items were presented for collection in order to reduce the ease with which scrap metal collectors could obtain them;
- Any sightings of scrap metal collectors on collection days should be reported;
- Private companies were available to handle and remove asbestos and advice on disposal for householders would be provided;
- Options for future Civic Amenity site provision were being considered.

Further comments from the Panel included:

- Access and assistance signage at household recycling centres was not adequate especially for elderly or disabled residents;
- The Civic Amenity site at Cottesmore created problems with traffic backing up onto the highway during busy periods.

The Operational Director for Places, Mr Brown, updated the Panel on the Travel4Rutland project.

The following points were noted during discussion:

- The Shore link bus had commenced operation and further promotion of the service was planned;
- The new Oakham Bus Station was progressing with plans expected soon. Planning consent will be required for the redeveloped toilet block;
- Cycle infrastructure links were developing and consultation was underway with Parish Councils;
- Options for electronic information at the bus station were being explored.

AGREED:

- i) To receive a report on Street Lighting developments at the next meeting.

133 REVIEW OF RISK REGISTER

Members held no discussion on this item, due to the Strategic Risk Register presentation earlier in the meeting.

134 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no other urgent business.

135 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15 August 2013 at 7pm.

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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