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Minutes of the **TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY SIXTH MEETING of the COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Monday, 9th October, 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Mr I Arnold	Mr G Brown
Mr K Bool	Mr E Baines
Mr O Bird	Miss R Burkitt
Mr B Callaghan	Mr G Conde
Mr W Cross	Mr J Dale
Mr R Foster	Mrs J Fox
Mr R Gale	Mr J Lammie
Mr A Mann	Mr T Mathias
Mr M Oxley	Mr C Parsons
Mr A Stewart	Miss G Waller
Mr A Walters	Mr D Wilby

OFFICERS

PRESENT:

Mr Mark Andrews	Deputy Director for People
Mr Dave Brown	Director for Places – Environment, Planning and Transport
Mrs Debbie Mogg	Director for Resources (Monitoring Officer)
Dr Tim O'Neill	Director for People and Deputy Chief Executive
Mrs Natasha Taylor	Acting Manager - Corporate Support team

321 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Begy, Mr Clifton, Mr Hemsley and Mrs Stephenson.

The Chairman noted that Mr Hemsley was unable to attend the meeting as he was on Council business.

322 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that the list of engagements had been circulated.

The Chairman thanked Mr Oxley for the email that had been circulated regarding civic engagements and confirmed that the Municipal Year had been quiet so far in terms of invites. The Chairman confirmed that this reduction in invites was due to neighbouring

authorities of Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Leicester City having County elections in May this year and also the period of purdah due to the General Election. There had previously also been a busy few years with many invites due to the centennial period of the Great War. There was a new High Sheriff and each High Sheriff would take on this role in different ways. There had also been cuts to budgets, which would impact on allowances for civic events. The Chairman also confirmed that at Rutland there was not a charity, but he did receive many invites for charity events from other authorities, some of which could cost in the region of £250 including tickets and travel expenses. The Chairmen at Rutland had always concentrated on events where there were shared services. There were figures available showing the invites and attendance at Civic events over the past few years and these would be circulated to Councillors.

Mr Oxley thanked the Chairman for his response.

323 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

There were no announcements by the Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

324 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any disclosable interests under the Code of Conduct and the nature of those interests and/or indicate if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No declarations of interest were received.

325 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 264th (Special) meeting and the 265th meeting of the Rutland County Council District Council held on 11 September 2017 were confirmed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

326 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no petitions, deputations or questions from members of the public.

327 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

There were no questions from members of the Council.

328 REFERRAL OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS TO THE COUNCIL

No decisions had been referred.

329 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 9 SEPTEMBER 2017 TO 6 OCTOBER 2017 (INCLUSIVE)

No call-ins were received.

330 REPORT FROM THE CABINET

Report No. 179/2017 from the Cabinet was received, the purpose of which was to consider the recommendations of Cabinet referred to Council for determination and report the Key Decisions made by Cabinet since the publication of the agenda for the previous ordinary meeting of the Council on 11 September 2017.

1) Council **NOTED** the Key Decisions made since the publication of the agenda for the previous ordinary meeting of the Council on 11 September 2017, as detailed in Appendix A to Report No. 179/2017.

2) **19 September 2017**
Decision No. 274
Report No. 170/2017
CORPORATE PLAN REVIEW

Mr Mathias introduced and moved the recommendations in the report. Mr Foster seconded the recommendations.

During his introduction Mr Mathias confirmed that the Corporate Plan had been given a light refresh, with only minor modifications and updates being made. There had been some feedback, for example regarding improving the definition of sustainability, which would be given consideration at the next review.

During debate of the recommendations, points raised included:

- i. Miss Waller requested confirmation that when the document was reviewed in full, there would be opportunity for Members to comment. Mr Mathias confirmed that comment would be invited when the Corporate Plan was due for a full review.

RESOLVED

- a) To **APPROVE** the revised Rutland County Council Corporate Plan 2016 to 2020.

331 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

No reports were received.

332 REPORTS FROM SCRUTINY COMMISSION / SCRUTINY PANELS

No reports were received.

333 JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- i. Mr Bool – Combined Fire Authority
The Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Mr Steve Lunn would be retiring on 31 December 2017 and Mr A Brodie and Mr R Taylor would be jointly taking on this role in the interim. The process had been in place to find a permanent replacement and Mr Bool would sit on the recruitment panel.
The Budget had been approved and External Audit had approved it.
The Police and Crime Commissioner would not be taking on responsibility for the Fire Authority in Leicestershire and Rutland for now, as he wanted to concentrate on Police matters.

There was some concern regarding an arsonist at Zenith House in Leicester and this was requiring a considerable amount of police and fire authority attention.

In response to a query from Mr Cross concerning the lessons learnt from a recent serious fire in Braunston, Mr Bool confirmed that a detailed report on serious fires was expected at the next Fire Authority meeting and that he would bring the full details to the next Full Council meeting.

ii. Miss Waller – East Midlands Councils Employers Forum

Miss Waller had circulated an email to members regarding the apprenticeship levy and would come back to this as due course.

iii. Miss Waller – SACRE

Meeting on 3 October had been well attended. Work had commenced on rewriting the syllabus for Religious Education in conjunction with Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Cambridge. Local Authority maintained schools are required to use this syllabus, but in Rutland most Academies also used it. The syllabus was a statutory responsibility and would need to come to Council for approval once finalised. Miss Waller read from a recent Ofsted Report from another authority where Religious Education had been highlighted as an important component of the curriculum.

iv. Mr Walters – Police and Crime Panel

Meeting held on 3 October 2017 confirmation of launch of Project Darwin was given in order to respond to criticism of crime investigation in recent inspection. Neighbourhood investigation unit for Rutland area would be based in Market Harborough. Mr Walters did not feel this was at the heart of Rutland's interests and would continue to argue this case. Mr Walters was concerned regarding the response of the Police and Crime Commissioners response to the criticisms of the inspectors regarding under reporting of crime and gave an example of how some offences such as modern slavery may only be reported as one crime, but sexual offences in connection with the charge of modern slavery may actually mean that several offences should be recorded.

v. Mr Foster – Armed Services Champion

Mr Foster had attended a meeting of the East Midlands Cadets Association and also a meeting with the 5 Regiment Commanders currently serving at St Georges and Kendrew Barracks. Mr Foster wished to highlight the praise given for Rutland's support to armed services and that this should be attributed to the work which the Chief Executive, Mrs Briggs, had dedicated to establishing relationships with and supporting the armed services community.

334 NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion had been received.

335 GREETHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report No. 183/2017 was received from the Director for Places the purpose of which was to obtain Council approval for Greetham's Neighbourhood Plan to be 'made' by resolution of Council following an examination by an Independent Examiner and a referendum on the plan with the local community.

Mr Mathias introduced and moved the recommendations in the report. Mr Stewart seconded the recommendations.

During his introduction Mr Mathias confirmed that there had been a very good turn out to the referendum in September and that the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan had brought the village together.

During debate of the recommendations, points raised included:

- i. Mr Oxley commended the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Group and also highlighted that there was some interesting references to listed building in the report;
- ii. Mr Bird commended the turnout and community spirit of Greetham residents and also the work done by the Neighbourhood Plan Group in not only distributing, but collecting questionnaires, in order to collate the views of the residents;
- iii. Mr Baines raised a general point regarding the relationship between Neighbourhood Plans and the Local Plan and highlighted to members that the second phase of the Local Plan consultation would commence shortly;
- iv. Miss Waller requested clarification of whether a new Local Plan would require all existing Neighbourhood Plans to be refreshed. Mr Mathias confirmed his understanding that existing Neighbourhood Plans would need to be brought into line with the Local Plan but this could be done over time. Mr Ranson, Planning Policy Manager, was due to circulate a document which would clarify the position. Mr Baines also confirmed that the most recent plan would carry the most weight and that care would need to be taken to distinguish between core strategies and statutory compliance.

RESOLVED

1. To **APPROVE** the making of the Greetham Neighbourhood Plan in Appendix A to Report 183/2017; and
2. To **APPROVE** the publication of the Decision statement in Appendix B to Report 183/2017 as part of the making of the Greetham Neighbourhood Plan.

336 ANY URGENT BUSINESS

No matters of urgent business were received.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.34 pm.

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