

EXECUTIVE

6 JUNE 2019

Present:

Councillors G Hook (Leader), Dewhirst (Deputy Leader), J Hook, Jeffries, Macgregor, Taylor and Wrigley

Members in Attendance:

Councillors Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence, Daws, Mullone, Nutley, J Petherick, L Petherick and Purser

Apologies:

Councillor Connett

Officers in Attendance:

Phil Shears, Managing Director
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer
Tony Watson, Interim Head of Commercial Services
Lorraine Montgomery, Interim Head of Operations
Rosalyn Eastman, Business Manager, Strategic Place
Fergus Pate, Principal Delivery Officer
Estelle Skinner, Green Infrastructure Officer,
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

31. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting on 9 April 2019 were confirmed and approved and signed as correct record.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

33. MATTERS OF URGENCY/MATTERS OF REPORT BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Leader advised of the need for the Executive meeting to be conducted in a business-like manner and that the forthcoming Constitution Review would be look at the Council procedures.

34. NOTICE OF MOTION - NETTING ON DEVELOPMENT SITES

The Portfolio Holder for Planning presenting the report on the Notice of Motion regarding Netting on Development Sites. The Portfolio Holder stated that the Council worked hard to maintain a high standard of environmental and wildlife protection and there had been no reports of netting in Local Planning Authority area to date. He asked the Executive to support the Council to call all developers not to use netting in Teignbridge and urgently write to the relevant Government Ministers calling on the Government to ban the use of netting at all sites with planning consent or identified in Local or emerging Local Plans.

The Portfolio Holder for Waste Management & Environmental Health proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Communities & IT.

RESOLVED that the Council:-

- (1) call on all developers not to use netting in Teignbridge; and
- (2) urgently write to the relevant Government Ministers calling on the government to ban the use of netting at all sites with planning consent or identified in Local or emerging Local Plans.

35. ARTIFICIAL 3G PITCH, COACH ROAD, NEWTON ABBOT

Councillor Daws declared an interest in respect of objecting to the planning application.

Councillor Bradford declared an interest as she lived in the vicinity.

The Leader stated that while this proposal would be an important recreational facility that would benefit the wider local community it was important that the quality of life of the local residents was protected. The Leader continued had a positive meeting with representatives of the Wolborough residents group and Devon Football Association (DFA) to look to address the residents' concerns. It was proposed that a management plan be completed prior to the proposal going forward and the project would not start until this plan had been agreed.

Non-Executive Members raised issues regarding the environmental impact including the lack of a habitats regulations assessment, the loss of grass area by the planned car park and the planning conditions. Concerns were also raised in respect of the proposal for a rubber crumb artificial 3G pitch, its life span, the drainage impacts and the safety of the materials to be used.

In response to Members, the Interim Head of Operations clarified that the pitch would be maintained and regularly resurfaced.

The Interim Head of Commercial Services stated that the materials to be used and the drainage were covered by the planning conditions and the car park would have a lockable height restriction.

During discussion Executive Members acknowledged that the materials to be used would accord to national standards and welcomed the management plan which would be completed before works commenced.

The Leader proposed the amendment recommendation, this was seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Waste Management & Environmental Health.

RESOLVED that subject to the prior completion of a management plan as determined by the Interim Head of Operations (in consultation with the Leader, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and the Wolborough residents' group) between the Council and the Devon Football Association (DFA):-

- (1) contribution of £100,000 sporting facilities Section 106 money towards the construction of a new artificial pitch scheme on the Coach Road site be approved;
- (2) that the Council manages the new 70 space car park being built to facilitate the new playing pitch be approved;
- (3) the capital programme investment for improvements to and the lining of the access track to the Coach Road site and a payment of £10,000 for improvements to the footpath into Decoy Park be approved; and
- (4) that the Council make a joint application with the DFA for Football Foundation grant funding.

36. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Portfolio Holder for Planning presented the report to seek approval for the adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) following a period of consultation and review, with an amendment to the recommendation that the Statement of Community Involvement be adopted in principle subject to minor changes with agreement of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Business Manager Strategic Place.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Sport, Recreation & Culture.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2019 as attached to this report be adopted in principle subject to minor changes with agreement of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Business Manager Strategic Place.

37. WRAY VALLEY TRAIL FUNDING

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Change Emergency & Housing introduced the report for funding to complete the final stages of the Wray Valley Trail multi-user

route. This is an important strategic route which supports public health benefits and leisure and tourism related spend.

The Green Infrastructure Officer outlined the background and the strategic importance of the delivery of the final stages of the Wray Valley Trail. The funds would contribute towards a better quality of surface, quantity and quality of route marking, landscaping and opportunities for display of artefacts.

Members welcomed the delivery of the final stage of this important route encouraged physical activity and would bring economic benefits to the district.

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Change Emergency & Housing proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Sport, Recreation & Culture.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) funding of a £100,000 contribution to Devon County Council towards delivery of the final stages of the Wray Valley Trail multi-user route be approved; and
- (2) the Business Manager Strategic Place and the Solicitor to the Council be given delegated authority to complete an associated funding agreement with Devon County Council.

38. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

39. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Portfolio Holder for Waste Management & Environmental Health proposed, seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Sport, Recreation & Culture. that because financial sensitivity issues concerns the Council and third parties, the Council go into Part II and exclude the press and public.

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

40. MODIFICATION OF FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH RSPB FOR ASHILL CIRL BUNTING NATURE RESERVE

The Portfolio Holder for Planning presented the report regards the modification of Funding Agreement with Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) for Ashill ciril bunting nature reserve.

In response to Member's questions, the Green Infrastructure Officer clarified the reasons for the modifications of the funding agreement.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Communities and IT.

RESOLVED that modification of the Funding Agreement with RSPB for Ashill circl bunting nature reserve as per the circulated report be approved.

Chairman