

EXECUTIVE

22 AUGUST 2023

Present:

Councillors H Cox, Keeling (Deputy Leader), G Taylor, Wrigley (Leader) and Hook

Members in Attendance:

Councillors Bullivant, Clarence, D Cox, Daws, MacGregor, C Parker, P Parker, Purser, J Taylor and Williams

Apologies:

Councillors Goodman-Bradbury, Jeffries, Nutley and Nuttall

Also in Attendance:

Jonathan Huish and Amanda Millner from Avavanti

Officers in Attendance:

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services
Tom Phillips, Assets Manager
Amanda Pujol, Head of Community Services and Improvement
Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council

These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on 30 August 2023 unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute

46. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hook declared an interest in respect of minute no.49 – Rent Subsidies – as she was a Director of Newton Abbot Community Interest Company whom leased the Buckland Community Centre and she would leave the meeting when this item was considered

48. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

49. RENT SUBSIDIES

Cllr Hook left the meeting for consideration of this item.

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report to amend the rent subsidy policy to enable those organisations who had a rent subsidy as at 31st March 2023, to apply for a further subsidy period on the proviso that they are eligible under the criteria of the policy.

A non-Executive Member spoke on this item stating that it was important that the Council continued to support organisations that benefited and supported the districts residents.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council:-

(1) that the rent subsidy policy be reviewed, and

(2) pending the outcome of that review and in the interim those organisations that were in receipt of a rent subsidy as at 31st March 2023, be permitted to apply for a further 12 month period of subsidy.

The vote was unanimous.

50. TEIGNBRIDGE LOTTERY SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Head of Community Services and Improvement addressed the members and appraised the details in the report.

It was noted by Executive that the panel would include the relevant Executive Member.

RESOLVED that money accumulated in the Teignbridge Lottery central fund be used to support small grants to the voluntary sector for initiatives be approved.

The vote was unanimous.

51. UPDATE ON FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND

The Leader proposed an alternative recommendation to that in the circulated report to as follows:-

Delegated authority be given to the Head of Place and Commercial Services to make such decisions as are necessary to avoid delays to the programme on the proviso that the officer has first obtained the approval of the Executive Member and that all such decisions are reported to the Executive.

This was agreed by Executive Members.

Non-Executive Members spoke on this item. They raised concerns regarding the viability of the cinema proposals, the changes to Queen Street did not have the support of the local retailers and the requirement for more detail on the project with the inclusion of a GANT chart.

RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to the Head of Place and Commercial Services to make such decisions as are necessary to avoid delays to the programme on the proviso that the officer has first obtained the approval of the Executive Member and that all such decisions are reported to the Executive.

The vote was unanimous.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.38 am.

Chairman