

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES

**TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2009
THE ORWELL ROOM, GRAFTON HOUSE
6.00 PM**

Present: Councillors E M Harsant (Chair), R S Atkins, N A Cenci, T J De Hoedt, L B Gooch, P R Green, R W J Pope and D J Terry.

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111. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carnall.

112. Minutes

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2009 be signed as a true record.

113. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business

Resolved:

that, subject to following reports being considered first, Item 15 (report E/09/73), Item 6 (report E/09/66), Item 12 (report E/09/72) and Item 8 (E/09/68), the Order of Business be confirmed as printed on the revised agenda.

114. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Harsant, being a patient of the Gilmour Piper practice and a non-Executive member of Orwell Housing, declared a personal interest in Item 5 (report E/09/65).

Councillor Harsant, being the spouse of a SCC Councillor, declared a personal interest in Item 10 (report E/09/70) and Item 12 (report E/09/72).

Councillor Harsant, being a Trustee of the Ipswich Furniture Project, declared a personal interest in Item 11 (report E/09/71).

Councillor Harsant, being the spouse of a Bixley Ward Councillor, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 17 (report E/09/75) and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Pope, being a schoolteacher, declared a personal interest in Item 9 (report E/09/69).

Councillor Pope, being a SCC employee, declared a personal interest in Item 10 (report E/09/70) and Item 12 (report E/09/72).

Councillor Gooch, being an employee of ISCRE, one of the organisations involved in the background work to the report, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 15 (report E/09/73) and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Atkins, being a non-Executive Director of Ipswich Buses, declared a personal interest in Item 5 (report E/09/65).

Councillor Atkins, being the spouse of a SCC employee, declared a personal interest in Item 10 (report E/09/70) and Item 12 (report E/09/72).

Councillor Terry, being a SCC Councillor, declared a personal interest in Item 10 (report E/09/70) and Item 12 (report E/09/72).

Councillor De Hoedt, being a patient of the Gilmour Piper practice, declared a personal interest in Item 5 (report E/09/65).

115. Exclusion of Public

Resolved:

to exclude the public (including the press) from the meeting during consideration of the following item under Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulation 2000 as it is likely that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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116. **Ipswich Caribbean Association – Update on Required Actions Resolved at the Executive Meeting on 4 August and Consideration of the Business Plan**
Ref No: E/09/73

Resolved:

117. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved:

that the public be readmitted to the meeting.

**118. Broomhill Swimming Pool
Ref No: E/09/66**

118.1. Councillor Terry reported that following the receipt of 16 expressions of interest in support of Option 2, three companies had been requested to submit costed proposals by early February 2010.

118.2. Dr Cook spoke on behalf of the Broomhill Pool Trust and reported that the Trust were in support of Option 2, which provided the best opportunity for Broomhill Pool to be turned into a cultural attraction for Ipswich. He was concerned that the Council was not providing financial support in the commercial negotiations.

118.3. Councillor Terry reported that the advertisement for expressions of interest did not indicate that the Council would be providing funding, and that an application for funding could be made to Executive in the future.

118.4. Councillor Terry thanked the Broomhill Pool Trust and the officers for all their hard work in preparing the options for Broomhill Pool.

118.5. A revised recommendation in support for Option 2 was tabled and agreed.

Resolved:

(i) that Executive resolves to support pursuing Option 2, namely the transfer of Broomhill Pool to an alternative provider, and authorises the Head of Culture and Leisure Services to report back to the Portfolio Holders for Arts, Culture and Leisure and Finance the outcome of negotiations with potential providers, and further, that the Head of Culture and Leisure Services subsequently reports to Executive on any viable proposal - in the absence of a viable proposal, that the Head of Culture and Leisure Services maintain the position as set out in Option 4 until further report;

Reason: The Council needs to make a decision based upon the leisure/cultural needs survey

(ii) that Executive note that the Borough Council offer of £1million to support the BHT efforts to refurbish the pool expires on 31st December 2009 and that any future application for support would be subject to the usual budget setting

Tim Snook,
Operations
Manager for
Sport

procedures.

Reason: The Council has financial pressures on both capital and revenue and as part of the Medium Term Plan needs to consider this project either as part of it or remove it

**119. Commissioning Emergency Planning Services from the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit (JEPU)
Ref No: E/09/72**

Terry Hayward,
Head of
Community
Services

119.1. In response to Councillor Terry, Mr Osman (JEPU) reported that JEPU would be able to provide overview training for Councillors via the District Emergency Planning Officers.

Resolved:

that Executive agrees the principle of entering an agreement with Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit to provide specialist emergency planning and business continuity services to the authority from the 1st April 2010 and authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in conjunction with the Head of Community Services and the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety to negotiate and enter into a suitable legal agreement.

Reason: To ensure the authority continues to meet its statutory obligations under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 in an efficient manner and to increase the flexibility and capability of day-to-day support to officers and members in discharging such duties

**120. Overview & Scrutiny's Recommendation to Executive re: Review of Town Centre Issues
Ref No: E/09/68**

Chairman,
Strategic
Overview &
Scrutiny

120.1. The Chairman of the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee reported that the Review of Town Centre Issues had been very constructive, and highlighted the recommendations arising from the review for the consideration of the Executive.

120.2. In response to the points raised, Councillor Atkins reported that a meeting would be taking place on 21 January 2010 with Urbed, who have been appointed to work with the BID, IBC and the Chamber of Commerce on a visioning exercise which would provide a succinct marketing statement for Ipswich. Work has also taken place with the Ipswich and District Hotels Association.

120.3. Councillor Atkins commented that the growth of the Economic Development Team had been most challenging in the current financial climate, and added that there could be opportunities to achieve growth in economic development, but not necessarily in-house.

120.4. Councillor Atkins reported that other Regional Cities East

(RCE) members have looked to Ipswich for innovations – the current initiatives relating to empty shops were proposed by Ipswich and have been taken up in other towns. Councillor Cann added that lessons could be learnt from other similar sized towns in the sub-region, such as the recent development of Bury St Edmunds.

120.5. Councillor De Hoedt reported that following the decision to demolish Crown Street Car Park, a report on the long-term replacement of this car park would be produced early next year.

Resolved:

that the response of the Executive be noted and fed back to the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reason: So that the Strategic Overview & Scrutiny Committee is made aware of the response of the Executive

121. Review of Residents Parking Zone 2
Ref No: E/09/65

Suzanne Buck,
Team Leader –
Transport
Strategy

121.1. Mr Ratkin (Gilmour Piper) highlighted the impact on visitors to the Gilmour Piper Integrated HealthCare Practice following the introduction of 18 residents parking bays on Fonnereau Road, and requested that limited waiting bays be considered to address the needs of visiting patients, especially those who are less able.

121.2. Mr Hussey (Operations Manager – Transport Policy) commented that resident bays represented a better option, as limited waiting bays could be used by anyone. Mr Hussey suggested that information on visitors' parking when accessing the Gilmour Piper practice be supplied so that the situation can be monitored.

Resolved:

(i) that the existing Zone 2 residents parking scheme is unchanged (this deviates from the model scheme by excluding second permits);

Reason: Taking into account the views of residents within the zone

(ii) that minor changes detailed in section 5.7 of the report are implemented following appropriate consultation;

Reason: Taking into account the views of residents within the zone

(iii) that there are no changes to the resident parking bays in Fonnereau Rd relating to the Gilmour Piper petition and that Gilmour Piper is able to apply for up to three business permits, an increase of one permit;

Reason: To provide additional flexibility for parking by Gilmour Piper

for less able visitors

(iv) that the Transport Policy Manager is authorised to take all necessary steps to implement the above recommendations.

Reason: So that the decisions of Executive can be carried out

**122. Action in Respect of Various Transport/Highways Petitions
Ref No: E/09/67**

122.1. A plan indicating proposed waiting and loading restrictions for Dales Road was tabled in relation to the second petition.

Resolved:

that Executive notes the receipt of the above six petitions and the action taken in respect of each.

Reason: So that Executive is fully informed

**123. Minutes from the Joint Museums Committee
Ref No: E/09/69**

123.1. Councillor Pope asked whether the 'Borough' school visitor rates for Museums applied to schools in both Colchester and Ipswich.

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the Colchester and Ipswich Museums Committee from 3 November 2009 be noted.

Reason: To keep Executive informed

**124. Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
Ref No: E/09/70**

Resolved:

that the revisions to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy be approved.

Reason: To ensure that the Council continues to meet its obligations under the Children Act 2004

**125. Comprehensive Area Assessment Score
Ref No: E/09/71**

Resolved:

that Executive notes the Comprehensive Area Assessment for Suffolk and the Organisational Assessment for Ipswich Borough Council and asks officers to bring a further report to the

Peter Hussey,
Operations
Manager –
Transport Policy

Linda Slowgrove,
Acting Senior
Committee
Services Officer

Claire Budgen,
Organisational &
Employee
Development
Manager

Jonathan Owen,
Director

Committee updating the Corporate Risk Register and Use of Resources Action Plan to address the issues identified.

Reason: The Council needs to recognise and address areas for improvement

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127. Exempt Minutes

Resolved:

128. Petition – Speedwell Road

Ref No: E/09/74

Resolved:

**129. Borough of Ipswich (345 Colchester Road) Compulsory
Purchase Order**

Ref No: E/09/75

Resolved:

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman