

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 21 NOVEMBER 2006

**Present:** Councillor Tickner (Mayor);

Councillors Ballsdon, Beard, Benson, Byrne, Chaudhri, Crisp, Cumpsty, Duveen, Edwards, Goodall, Green, Grieve, Hanley, Hartley, Hendry, Howarth, P Jones, Kayes, Khan, Lloyd, Lovelock, Maskell, Merriott, J Orton, M Orton, Page, Pugh, Ralph, Rynn, Singleton-White, Skeats, R Stainthorp, S Stainthorp, Sutton, Waite, Weston and Wilton.

**Apologies:** Councillors Ennis, Gittings, Hoskin, T Jones, McKenzie, Ruhemann and Stevens.

### **37. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **38. REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE READING 2020 (LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP) BOARD**

Councillor Sutton gave an oral update on the Reading 2020 (Local Strategic Partnership) Forum Event, which had been held immediately prior to the meeting. The Forum Event had included a presentation from Councillor Sutton, as Chair of the Local Strategic Partnership, on the Partnership and the development of the Local Area Agreement (the delivery plan for the Community Strategy). There were also short presentations on four of the local area blocks contained within the Community Strategy, as follows:

- Penny Henrion, Interim Chair, Berkshire West Primary Care Trust - Healthy Communities and Older People;
- Councillor Pete Ruhemann, Chair of Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership - Children and Young People;
- Gareth Ralphs, Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce - Economic Development;
- Chief Superintendent Richard Bennett, BCU Commander, Thames Valley Police - Safer and Stronger Communities.

The Forum had also included an exhibition showcasing major successes across Reading's Community Strategy.

#### **Resolved:**

That the position be noted.

### **39. READING'S LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2007-10 AND PRIORITISATION OF STRETCH TARGETS**

The Chief Executive submitted a report that provided details of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) Initiative. The report also provided brief overviews of the funding arrangements regarding LAAs and the proposed governance and performance management arrangements for delivery of the LAA.

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The latest version of the text of the LAA and the full outcomes framework for consideration were contained in Appendices A and B, copies of which had been placed in the Group Rooms. The current shortlist of 16 stretch targets was contained in Appendix C, and the updated timetable for developing and negotiating the LAA was contained in Appendix D. The first draft of the Reading LAA had been submitted to the Government Office for the South East (GOSE) on 29 September 2006.

The report stated that, if all stretch targets were achieved in full, the LAA would attract Performance Reward Grant of approximately £4.2m. A range of proposals had been devised that reflected key priorities for Reading and sixteen had been currently shortlisted, but the recommended number for inclusion in the LAA was twelve. Details of the proposed stretch targets were set out in the report.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Sutton and seconded by Councillor Lovelock and CARRIED:

### Resolved:

- (1) That the latest draft of the LAA text and the full outcomes framework set for Reading's Local Area Agreement for submission to the Government Office for the South-East (GOSE), as set out in Appendices A and B, be endorsed;
- (2) That the current shortlist of proposed stretch targets (set out in paragraph 6.5) be endorsed, and the method for prioritisation, as set out in Appendix C, be noted;
- (3) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, be authorised to approve any final amendments to the LAA prior to submission to the Government Office for the South-East on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006;
- (4) That the revised timetable for development of the LAA up to commencement of the agreement in April 2010, as set out in Appendix D, be noted;
- (5) That the funding arrangements regarding LAAs be noted;
- (6) That the proposed governance and performance, and management arrangements for delivery of the LAA be noted.

## 40. RESULT OF BY-ELECTION HELD IN TILEHURST WARD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2006

The Director of Resources submitted a report setting out the results of a by-election that had been held in Tilehurst Ward on 16 November 2006, as a result of Ms J Fry resigning as a Councillor in that Ward.

Mr R Duveen, the Liberal Democrat candidate, had been elected to fill the casual vacancy created by this resignation.

The motion set out below was moved by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Beard and CARRIED:

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### Resolved:

That the following changes be made to the membership of committees and other bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2006-07:

- (a) Licensing Applications Committee - add Councillor Duveen
- (b) Licensing Applications Sub-Committee 3 - add Councillor Duveen
- (c) Transport Users' Forum - add Councillor Duveen
- (d) Traffic Management Advisory Panel - add Councillor Duveen
- (e) Parking Services Appeals Panel - add Councillor Duveen.

(The meeting closed at 7.44pm)