

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE HELD AT
THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015,
COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

<p>IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor G A Boulter – Chair Councillor Mrs S Z Haq – Vice Chair</p> <p>Councillors L Bentley, J Boyce, F Broadley, D Carter, M Chamberlain, J Gore, S Dickinson, L Eaton</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Ms A Pathak-Mould, Paul Loveday, Ms K Garcha, Ms A Court, Miss G Ghuman</p>

Min Ref	Narrative	Officer Resp
56.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>An apology for absence received from Cllr Kevin Loydall.</p>	
57.	<p><u>APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
58.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
59.	<p><u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2015 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.</p>	
60.	<p><u>PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
61.	<p><u>ACTION LIST</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Committee noted the action list on page 12.</p>	

62. COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices delivered by the Head of Community as set out in report pages 13-24, which should be read together with these minutes as a composite document.

The Head of Community stated that there has been 100% compliance with Gas safety and there has been an improvement in the third quarter of the year with regards to tenant arrears.

With regards to the Capital programme the Head of Community advised that the aim is to increase revenue by letting as many garages as possible, to both Council and Private tenants (stating only private tenants being subject to VAT). She further advised that there are 3 garages that have been converted into scooter storage spaces and a small fee would be applied for the scooters to be charged.

A Member noted that three poplar trees are to be removed over a three year period on 1-4 St Peters Path and questioned whether the trees were a danger and if so, whether they would be replaced. The Head of Community advised that specialist advice was sought and it was recommended that that the 3 causing the damage be removed over a 3 year period and confirmed the same will be monitored. Another Member stated that sympathetic planting must be implemented post the removal of the three trees.

A Member noted that they could not easily locate the Customer Charters for service areas on the website and requested that these be prominently placed for public viewing. The Director of Services confirmed this would be done.

Temporary Accommodation for Homeless

The Head of Community advised that the lease of a 2 bed-roomed private property will be signed once the landlord has carried out some repairs. Further, she stated that although the Social Housing Mobility Fund Scheme is a District bid (of £75,000), the Council will administer it.

Leicestershire Welfare Provision (LWP)

The Head of Community advised that this scheme will come to an end and that between the various teams in the Council it has been agreed that the monies will be used for fuel and food poverty. The differences in the table amongst authorities was explained. It was agreed that once the monies are running low for this scheme a discussion would

take place as to how to maintain the scheme.

Aids and Adaptations in Council properties

The Head of Community confirmed that this was not the same as the Disabilities Facilities Grants (DFG) as it is not means tested and there has been a total of £120,000 spent to deliver the same. She advised that the budget for the DFG would be brought to committee in a separate report to the next meeting. The £404,920 mentioned on page 17 is the entirety of the DFG. It was advised that the DFGs will now come through the Better Care Fund (BCF) and a report was requested as to how the BCF and DFG would work.

New Build Council Housing Stock at Bennett Way, South Wigston

The Chair stated that a strict plan is needed setting out the process and timescales so that it is clear what is being done and this should be presented at the next meeting.

Supporting Leicestershire Families and Early Help

The Head of Community advised that there have been 3 support workers and a Team Leader employed for this. The County Council are yet to provide a Cost Benefit Analysis report but said that the Council has spent £23,000 which has been very good value for money. A Member raised concerned about the governance role stating that it may be a case that this scheme enters the Social Services territory, but this would be a discussion to be held at a later date.

RESOLVED: That Members noted the report and all voted in favour.

63. BROCKS HILL AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices delivered by the Director of Services as set out in report pages 25-32, which should be read together with these minutes as a composite document.

The Committee heard that the Capital Project was in progress and the Clean and Green statistics (as in the report) are good with further work needed for the bus shelters. With regards to the bus shelters Members stated that sustainable material need to be used and suggested that local businesses be advertised on the bus shelters.

With regards to the Capital Project of Ervins Lock footbridge it was confirmed by the Director of Services that initial plans had been drawn and a project manager has now been appointed who is to start work

	<p>on the project in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>In relation to Kilby Bridge and the slurry incident, it was discussed as to how the residents of Wigston would be notified before any further incidents occur. Members suggested that the Residents Association website be utilised alongside social media and the Head of Community suggested that a mini network of residents be used to spread the message. A Member suggested the farmer that the land belongs to should have more of an input regarding this.</p> <p>A Member stated that the two projects should not be considered together and that there was a lack of clarity of budgets between Brocks Hill and Greening the Borough so requested a separate set of accounts for each, with a 3/5 year plan needed showing how Brocks Hill can be made more sustainable with its own set of budgets.</p> <p><u>Oadby Grange Country Park</u></p> <p>The Head of Corporate Resources confirmed that negotiations have been done and that the Council is ready to adopt the Land, with the likely completion date at the end of March (subject to the other parties solicitors). She confirmed that the land was not contaminated in so far as the information she had received from Environmental Health and if there was contamination, the searches on the land would have revealed the same.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report be noted and the motion be moved. 2. That a separate record of accounts be recorded and presented to Members on Brocks Hill and its sustainability. 	
<p>64.</p>	<p><u>LEISURE PERFORMANCE MONITORING</u></p> <p>The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices delivered by the Director of Services as set out in report pages 33 to 36, which should be read together with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Committee heard that the overall the contract has commenced well with a positive 340,000 attendances in the past 10 months and 750 new members. She confirmed that the Oadby Pool remains open whilst waiting for Parklands Leisure Centres swimming pool. She advised that overall, there has been a positive trend.</p>	

	<p>The Chair asked for a copy of the contract to be put into the Members room and it was confirmed that this would be done by the Director of Services by the end of the week.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Members noted the progress being made as a result of the Leisure Contract</p>	
<p>65.</p>	<p><u>GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SCHEME AND RECYCLING</u></p> <p>The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices delivered by the Director of Services as set out in report pages 37 to 40, which should be read together with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Committee heard that the improved garden waste collection scheme has been a success as 11,500 wheeled bins have been delivered with requests for a second bin having been made by 150 properties.</p> <p>The Committee were informed that the new waste collection vehicles are to be delivered week commencing 22 April and be with the Council on the week commencing 2 May. It was noted that the project had been delivered on time and efficiently and requested that the officers involved were to be thanked.</p> <p>It was noted from the local authority league table for waste collection in England, the Council is the best in the East Midlands for the least residual waste.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Members noted the progress being made with regards to green waste collections and recycling.</p>	

Meeting Closed at 20:32