

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Baldock and District Committee held in the Baldock Community Centre, Simpson Drive, Baldock on Monday, 7th October, 2019 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 32 Seconds

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Valentine Shanley.

2 MINUTES - 24 JUNE 2019

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 24 June 2019 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 1 Minute 50 Seconds

- (1) The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chairman advised of the running order of that evenings proceedings;
- (3) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded; and
- (4) The Chairman drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - REVIVAL OF THE UPPER IVEL

Mr Richard Meredith Hardy, Revlvel Association, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding Reviving the Upper Ivel For Future Generations.

RESOLVED: That both Affinity Water and the Environmental Agency would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Baldock and District Committee to give a presentation on Ivel Springs.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To provide strategy and future plans for the River Ivel.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BALDOCK ROTARY CLUB

Mr Rob Hemmings, Baldock Rotary Club thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their grant application.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BALDOCK BEATS WASTE

Ms Christine Watson, Baldock Beats Waste, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their grant application.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - TURNING WORLDS

Ms Jane Turner, Turning Worlds, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their grant application.

9 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICT, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

RESOLVED: That Polling Places, as illustrated in the Returning Officer's Proposals set out in Appendices A and C be designated.

REASON FOR DECISION: The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places. The compulsory review must commence and conclude between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 (inclusive).

10 ANNUAL UPDATE ON SECTION 106 OBLIGATIONS FOR BALDOCK AND DISTRICT

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the content of the report entitled Annual Update on S106 Obligations for Baldock and District be noted;
- (2) That a report shall continue to be presented on Section 106 contributions to the Baldock Committee on an annual basis;
- (3) That S106 Monitoring and Transport Officer be requested to investigate specific fund allocation in regard to parking issues in Baldock;
- (4) That, other than where a contribution has been negotiated for a specific purpose or project, Ward Members of the area where the Section 106 Obligation or Unilateral Undertaking funding is generated and the Area Committee be consulted prior to funding being allocated away from that area.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) To ensure that there is a robust system for negotiating and managing Section 106 Obligations and Unilateral Undertakings, that records activity for each financial year and is placed in the public domain.
- (2) To ensure that the process is kept under constant review and Member scrutiny and that the risk associated with this activity is managed in an appropriate manner.

11 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

Councillor Jim McNally and The Communities Engagement Officer updated the Committee on recently held, and forthcoming Baldock Community Events.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That funding should be initially allocated from the 2018/19 carry forward and not the 2019/20 base budget;
- (2) That the actions taken by the Community Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for the Baldock be endorsed.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

- (1) To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Team;
- (2) To inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget. This ensures that all actions are performed in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, the Council's Constitution, and the guidance of the existing Grants policy as agreed by Cabinet in June 2016.

12 GRANT APPLICATION - BALDOCK ROTARY CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,150 be awarded to Baldock Rotary Club to assist with purchase of Christmas Lights and Decorations and the hire of Cherry Picker for installing Christmas Tree Lights.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the Community.

13 GRANT APPLICATION - BALDOCK BEATS WASTE

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £350 be awarded to Baldock Beats Waste to assist with Venue Hire and Publicity Costs.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the Community.

14 GRANT APPLICATION - TURNING WORLDS

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £500 be awarded to Turning Worlds to assist with Venue Hire, Publicity and Equipment Costs.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the Community.

15 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

There were no ward matters raised by Members.