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**CHARNWOOD TOGETHER BOARD EXECUTIVE
16TH AUGUST 2010**

PRESENT: Tony Stott – (Chair) – Action for a Better Charnwood
Neil Lambert – Voluntary Action Charnwood
Adrian McInnes – William Davis Ltd
Chief Superintendent Chris Thomas – Leicestershire Police

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

S. Boud – Leicestershire County Council
S. McIntosh – Leicestershire County Council
S. Phipps – Charnwood Borough Council

APOLOGIES: Councillors Preston and White, G. Parker, J. Walker and
V. Graham

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2010 were confirmed as an accurate record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Minute 6 – Economic Growth and Learning Delivery Group

G. Parker was unable to attend the meeting and advise the Executive of the steps he had taken to re-energise the Economic Growth and Learning Delivery group.

AGREED that the information be noted.

(ii) Minute 11 – Future Executive Agenda Items

In response to a question, S. Phipps stated that updated information in respect of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Strategy be submitted to the September meeting of the Executive and that report could include information in respect of the County and Charnwood Sustainable Community Strategies (SCSs). However, he was mindful of the as yet unknown intentions of the national

Government in respect of the future of LSPs. The LSP at Charnwood had agreed that in terms of the SCS the County would produce a SCS with a Charnwood chapter within it. There would also be a Partnership Strategy, not restrained by the SCS and guided locally, that might be aided should the national Government decide that LSPs were not required.

AGREED that an item in respect of the Local Strategic Partnership and the current position with the Sustainable Community Strategy be included on the agenda for the September meeting of the Executive.

3. CHARNWOOD PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(i) Update Report

An update report in respect of the Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families was submitted.

S. Boud made reference to the following:

- The total spend to date was £157,257. That figure was slightly below the prediction for the current stage of the year. However there were a number of commissioned organisations yet to submit invoices for their advanced payments for quarter one.
- The Capital Programme to build Phase 3 Centres was continuing, with no firm announcements made by national Government since the elections in respect of future funding or direction for the programme.
- Officers were anticipating an OFSTED inspection at one of the Centres during the autumn term 2010.

In response to issues raised and questions, S. Boud stated:

- (a) Information in respect of past achievements, outcomes and the impacts of the Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families could be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive.
- (b) Due to the unknown future financing, officers were preparing the Partnership for decommissioning, requesting agencies to produce project reports, following which the Partnership would prioritise its existing services. That information would be submitted to the October meeting of the Partnership Board and funded organisations would be given six months notice that it's funding was at risk.
- (c) In respect of the Anstey site, should planning permission be refused, there would be insufficient time to identify an alternative site and the fall back position would be to remain at the existing premises. However, future revenue funding may be linked to the number of

premises and there would be a danger of losing revenue and what was received being stretched further.

- (d) In respect of the invoices not submitted for payments for quarter one, these were from the Statutory sector, for example the NHS, who were slower with submissions.

AGREED

1. that the spend on the commissioning budget up to 31st July 2010 be noted;
2. that developments in respect of Phase 3 Centres and future funding of the programme be noted;
3. that information in respect of past achievements, outcomes and impacts of the Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive.

(ii) Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families – Board Representation

Mike Hannay had been appointed by the Charnwood Together Board to be its representative on the Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families Board. Taking account of the current situation at AstraZeneca, Mike Hannay had requested that he be replaced on that Board.

The Executive wished to record its thanks to Mike Hannay for the work he had undertaken representing the Charnwood Together Board on the Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families Board.

AGREED that the Charnwood Together Board be requested to nominate a new representative to the Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families Board.

4. CHARNWOOD VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR FORUM

A briefing paper in respect of the launch of the Charnwood Voluntary and Community Sector Forum was submitted for the consideration of the Executive. Charnwood Together was requested to recognise the Forum and agree to a representative serving on the Board to speak on relevant matters.

AGREED

- I. that the briefing paper in respect of the Charnwood Voluntary and Community Sector Forum be noted;

2. that it be recommended to the Board that a representative of the Charnwood Voluntary and Community Sector Forum be appointed to the Charnwood Together Board.

5. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE REPORT

S. McIntosh gave a verbal update report as follows:

(i) LAA Performance Update

The concept of the LAA had changed. There would be no reward grant for LAA2 and a reduced grant for LAA1, with the CAA having been withdrawn,

There had been two changes to the indicators in the final quarter, the under 18 conception rate (NI 112) change from red to amber and adults with learning disabilities in settled accommodation (NI 145) change from green to amber.

AGREED that the information be noted.

(ii) Community Planning

A review of the Community Planning section at LCC was taking place, to look at structures and how targets might be met with reduced personnel. District partners had been contacted with a view to being involved in the process.

In the future there was a possibility that LCC would charge Districts for work it had undertaken in the past without charge.

Officers were looking at Service providers to support partnership working.

AGREED that the information be noted.

(iii) Local Enterprise Partnership

With the demise of EMDA, officers were looking to the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to take the lead on economic development. Discussions had taken place with Northamptonshire and Warwickshire Councils and Leicester and Leicestershire LEP to form an alliance.

The nature of the role was being defined and would be business led.

A. McInness stated that it would be important for the future of Charnwood to obtain external funding. The future of Prospect Leicestershire and funding for 2011/12 was uncertain. Further information in respect of the LEP structure and remit was required.

Reference was made to the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire joint proposals that had been submitted to the National government and that Charnwood could look in that direction as a natural economic entity.

In response to questions, S. McIntosh and S. Phipps stated:

(a) There would be sufficient information available for the next meeting of the Executive to submit details of the emerging position. Reference was made to a letter received from the Minister requesting information in respect of what was perceived to be appropriate for the area. That letter could be included in the report to the next meeting and members contribute their views to the response.

(b) There was a Leadership Board in place, but its future was uncertain.

AGREED that a report in respect of the Local Enterprise Partnership, including the letter from the Minister, be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive.

(iv) Participatory Budgeting

A paper was tabled detailing the current position with Participatory Budgeting applications. Members of the Executive were requested to consider the proposals and recommendations for support.

LOUGHBOROUGH EAST

(i) Shelthorpe Informal Play Area

Agree in principle, pending the outcome of the consultation. Officers were requested to email members of the Executive with the outcome of the consultation in respect of the level of engagement and the nature of that engagement. If objections to the proposals were received the matter be considered further by the Executive at the next available meeting.

LOUGHBOROUGH NORTH WEST

(ii) Jubilee BMX and Youth Shelter

Agree in principle, however details of how the funding would be spent was requested.

(iii) Youth Zone

A further report was requested, with details of the provider.

SHEPSHED AND HATHERN

- (iv) Hathern Half-pipe

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT £5,558.18 BE ALLOCATED.

SOUTH CHARNWOOD (SYSTON, THURMASTON AND WREAKE VILLAGES)

- (v) East Goscote Skate Park

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT £5,000 BE ALLOCATED TOWARDS REDECORATING THE PAVILLION AND LCC YOUTH SERVICE SUPPORT.

LOUGHBOROUGH SOUTH WEST

- (vi) Improved Footpath Access to the Outwoods

It was recommended that funding be committed until 30th September 2010, whilst investigative work continued.

- (vii) Footpath Linking Mountfields Lodge and Ashmount School

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT UP TO £5,000 BE ALLOCATED TO PAY FOR THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS.

- (viii) Improving Cycle Racks Provision

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT £500 BE ALLOCATED.

BRADGATE, ROTHLEY, MOUNTSORREL AND BIRSTALL

- (ix) Mountsorrel Youth Café

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT £10,000 BE ALLOCATED.

QUORN, BARROW, SILEBY AND THE WOLDS

- (x) Sileby Noticeboards

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT £1,000 EACH BE ALLOCATED TO BARROW AND WYMESWOLD TOWARDS A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

- (xi) Barrow Church Community Centre

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT £2,000 BE ALLOCATED.

(xii) Safe Cycle Parking in Villages

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT £1,000 BE ALLOCATED.

(xiii) Seagrave Cemetery Garden of Remembrance

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT £1,000 BE ALLOCATED.

(ivx) Quorn Old School Roof Project

It was unclear who had applied for the funding and it was of concern that support be given and on completion the building be sold. It was agreed that the application be approved in principle, further information be circulated to members of the Executive and if objections to the proposals were received the matter be considered further by the Executive at the next available meeting.

In response to a question, S. McIntosh stated that once completed, officers would ensure that the Executive received an evaluation of the Participatory Budgeting programme.

AGREED

I. that the following grants be approved:

Shepshed and Hathern – Hathern Half-pipe - £5,558.18;

South Charnwood (Syston, Thurmaston and Wreake Villages) – East Goscote Skate Park - £5,000 – towards redecorating the pavilion and LCC youth Service Support;

Loughborough South West – Footpath linking Mountfields Lodge and Ashmount School – up to £5,000;

Loughborough South West – Improving Cycle Rack provision - £500;

Bradgate, Rothley, Mountsorrel and Birstall – Mountsorrel Youth Café - £10,000;

Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and the Wolds – Sileby Noticeboards/Village Improvements - £1,000 each for Barrow and Wymeswold;

Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and the Wolds – Barrow Church Community Centre - £2,000;

Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and the Wolds – Safe Cycle Parking in Villages - £1,000;

Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and the Wolds – Seagrave Garden of Remembrance - £1,000;

2. that further information be provided to the Executive in respect of the following applications:
Loughborough East - Shelthorpe Informal Play Area;

Loughborough North West - Jubilee BMX and Youth Shelter;

Loughborough North West - Youth Zone;

Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and the Wolds - Quorn Old School Roof project.
3. that update information in respect of other projects submitted within the report be noted.

6. OLYMPICS 2012

In the absence of J. Walker and V. Graham, it was reported on the agenda that the Olympic Project Team would meet on 19th August 2010. Information from that meeting would be submitted to the Executive at its meeting to be held on 27th September 2010.

C. Thomas stated that he had recently met with the new Chief Constable of Police for Leicestershire, who had raised concerns in respect of local security, risk and cost of the Olympics 2012. Following that meeting C. Thomas had met with representatives of the University, including C. Earle, Director of Sport and A. Burgess Director of Facilities Management. Two issues had been considered at the meeting and it had been agreed that the local Resilience Forum would deal with security matters and local policing issues needed to link in with the University Management Group and its sub-groups. It was suggested that Council representatives also become involved with those Groups to link strategies together. The next meeting would be held in December 2010.

In response to questions, S. Phipps stated:

- (a) Meetings had been held by EMDA to address regional matters and Charnwood Borough Council had established a Working Group, led by the Director of Leisure and Environment. The Working Group addressed matters in respect of leisure, sport and the community but not security.
- (b) The Council would welcome contributions by the Police and Council representatives could be made available for the December meeting with the Police and University representatives, with either a focus for leisure or Community safety.
- (c) The University had made a clear contribution to the legacy of the Olympics 2012, but its primary focus was to look after the athletes on its campus.
- (d) The Local Strategic Partnerships had a Group looking at arrangements for the Olympics 2012 and he would bring that group into the loop.

- (e) It could be helpful to have input in to the Olympic Project Team from the Town Centre Partnership and the Police.
- (f) The Charnwood Together Board would be considering an item in respect of the Olympics 2012 at its meeting in September 2010.

It was noted that it would be important to ensure that work in respect of the Olympics 2012 was not duplicated and the relevant people attended the appropriate meetings.

AGREED

- 1. that the information be noted;
- 2. that S. Phipps make arrangements for Council representatives to attend the December meeting at the University;
- 3. that S. Phipps link the work of the Local Strategic Partnerships in respect of the Olympics 2012 with the work of the local Groups;
- 4. that S. Phipps liaise with Chris Thomas re a police representative attending the Olympic Project Team meeting to be held on 19th August 2010;
- 5. that information from the Olympic Project Team be submitted to the September meeting of the Executive.

7. CHARNWOOD TOGETHER BOARD – ITEMS FOR 29TH SEPTEMBER 2010

This item was included on the agenda to consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the meeting of the Board to be held on 29th September 2010. The following items were identified at the last meeting of the Board and by officers, for the consideration of the Executive:

- Regeneration – how regeneration matters would be addressed following the retirement of the Director of Loughborough Regeneration;
- The Corporate Games;
- Olympics 2012;
- Loughborough Branding;
- Government funding decisions taken in respect of major schemes in Loughborough.

AGREED that taking account of decisions taken earlier in the meeting the following items be included on the agenda for the meeting of the Board to be held on 29th September 2010:

- Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families – Board Representation – the Board be requested to nominate a member to replace Mike Hannay on the Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families Board – September meeting;
- Charnwood Voluntary and Community Sector Forum – that the Executive recommend to the Charnwood Together Board that a representative of the Charnwood Voluntary and Community Sector Forum be appointed to the Board;
- Regeneration – how regeneration matters would be addressed following the retirement of the Director of Loughborough Regeneration;
- The Corporate Games;
- Olympics 2012;
- Loughborough Branding;
- Government funding decisions taken in respect of major schemes in Loughborough.

8. FUTURE EXECUTIVE AGENDA ITEMS

This item had been included on the agenda to consider items for future meetings of the Executive.

Reference was made to the cuts in Public Services, and that the Executive should be made aware of reductions, for example in Older People's Services at John Storer House and the knock on effects of a reduced Youth Service, to be able to identify gaps in services. S. McIntosh stated that there would be in year saving requirements and more from 2011 onwards, the overall effect of which would be that Leicestershire County Council would not continue to be the service provider it currently was. The position would be clearer following the Comprehensive Spending announcement to be made in October 2010. It was proposed that there be a standing item on future Executive agendas in respect of cuts in Public Services.

AGREED that taking account of decisions taken earlier in the meeting, items for future meetings of the Executive be as follows:

- Local Strategic Partnership and the current position with the Sustainable Community Strategy – September meeting;
- Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families - information in respect of past achievements, outcomes and impacts of the Charnwood Partnership for Children and Families be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive;

- Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) - a report, including the letter from the Minister, be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive;
- A standing item on future agendas in respect of cuts in Public Services;
- A standing item in respect of the Olympics 2012;
- A standing item in respect of AstraZeneca update.

9. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dates for future meetings of the Executive had been agreed as follows:

27th September 2010
25th October 2010
22nd November 2010
20th December 2010
17th January 2011
21st February 2011
21st March 2011
18th April 2011
23rd May 2011

AGREED that dates for future meetings of the Executive be noted.