



**CABINET - 12 JUNE 2018**

**ORDER PAPER**

**ITEM    DETAILS**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC

**1.    MINUTES** (Pages 3 - 6)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2018 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

**2.    URGENT ITEMS**

None.

**3.    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

**4.    RECONFIGURATION OF IN-HOUSE LEARNING DISABILITY RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION** (Pages 7 - 52)

- *The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 5 June and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '4'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That long-stay residential services at The Trees in Hinckley continue to be provided subject to reconfiguration and refurbishment of the existing buildings;
- (b) That long-stay residential services at Hamilton Court in Coalville be closed and the residents be supported to find appropriate alternative accommodation;
- (c) That a new short breaks service be developed on the Hamilton Court/Smith Crescent site to replace the existing short breaks building;
- (d) That it be noted that the development of the seven-bed accessible short breaks service on the existing Hamilton Court/Smith Crescent site will be funded from discretionary capital funds, including the Council's Future Developments Fund;

- (e) That it be noted that the use of the Hamilton Court/Smith Crescent site for supported living housing will continue to be explored.

**5. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19** (Pages 53 - 68)

- *The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the Business Plan on 4 June and supported the Plan.*

Proposed motion

That the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2018/19 be noted and welcomed.

**6. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19** (Pages 69 - 82)

- *The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the Business Plan on 5 June and supported the Plan.*

Proposed motion

That the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Adult Board Business Plan 2018/19 be noted and welcomed.

**7. LEICESTERSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2018-2021** (Pages 83 - 124)

- *The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 4 June and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '7'.*

Proposed motion

That the Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018 – 21 be approved.

**8. LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOL TERM-TIME PATTERNS FROM AUTUMN 2019 TO SUMMER 2022** (Pages 125 - 148)

Proposed motion

- That Option 1, the current Leicestershire term-time pattern as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved;
- That approval be given to allow all schools under Local Authority control the freedom to set their own INSET (teacher training) days.

**9. FIRE SAFETY AND POLICY ON USE OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS** (Pages 149 - 182)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the work undertaken to promote the continued safety of all occupants of County Council buildings, in particular with Leicestershire academies, be noted;
- (b) That the County Council Policy on Use of Sprinkler Systems and the associated Fire Risk and Sprinkler Priority Assessment Tool attached as Appendices A and B to the report be approved;
- (c) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to amend and update the Policy on Use of Sprinkler Systems as is necessary to ensure that it is up-to-date and in line with current legislation and good practice;
- (d) That the work being undertaken to respond to expected changes in legislation and Government policy which might affect the design, construction and on-going management of County Council buildings, be noted.

**10. DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE: YEAR END REPORT** (Pages 183 - 192)

- *The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on 5 June and noted the latest position.*

Proposed motion

That the report be noted.

**11. ARCHIVES, HERITAGE AND LEARNING COLLECTIONS HUB** (Pages 193 - 226)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the full business case for the Archives, Heritage and Learning Collections Hub be noted;
- (b) That Option 2 - the creation of an Archive, Heritage and Collections Hub on the County Hall campus - be approved;
- (c) That the Directors of Adults and Communities and Corporate Resources be authorised to undertake further work in order to develop the two potential schemes for Option 2 (a new build, and the refurbishment of an existing building) including:
  - (i) exploring the development of a package of external funding and
  - (ii) engagement with key stakeholders to begin initial planning for the preferred scheme;
- (d) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet regarding the outcome of work at (c) above and recommending the most appropriate scheme.

**12. CENTURY THEATRE, COALVILLE - PROPOSED TRANSFER TO LEICESTERSHIRE TRADED SERVICES** (Pages 227 - 258)

- *The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 5 June and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '12'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the transfer of operational responsibility and associated resources for the Century Theatre from the Communities and Wellbeing Service (Adults and Communities Department) to Leicestershire Traded Services (Corporate Resources Department) be approved;
- (b) That the de-accessioning of the Century Theatre from the Council's Museum Collection be approved;
- (c) That the Director of Adults and Communities be authorised to de-accession and dispose of items from the Museum Collection, except where:
  - (i) an item has particular public interest;
  - (ii) the original purchase, or cost of its conservation/restoration, was supported by external funding;
  - (iii) the disposal involves a sale;
  - (iv) the disposal of an item would result in a significant cost to the Authority.

**13. MANAGING TRAFFIC IN LEICESTERSHIRE'S COMMUNITIES** (Pages 259 - 266)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. Max Hunt CC, which are attached to this Order Paper, marked '13'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the continued use of parking reviews, as part of the Council's traffic management programme, be approved;
- (b) That it be noted that individual parking reviews will be carried out as part of the Council's traffic management programme over the next two years (2018/19 and 2019/20), with any proposed changes being the subject of action plans for the town in question and subject to further consideration;
- (c) That it be noted that the outline proposals to introduce on-street parking charges as set out in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy will not be taken forward at present.

**14. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

No items have been referred from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

**15. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT**

None.

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**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE - 5 JUNE 2018**

**DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT - RECONFIGURATION OF IN-HOUSE**  
**LEARNING DISABILITY RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adults and Communities advising of the outcomes of the public and resident consultation exercise on proposals to reconfigure the County Council's in-house learning disability residential accommodation and recommending changes to provision of these services. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 10' is filed with these minutes.

In introducing the report, the Director of Adults and Communities highlighted the extensive consultation that had taken place and the strong opposition received to the original proposals. In light of the feedback, a range of other options were considered. The recommended proposals were due to be presented for approval to the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 June 2018.

Under Standing Order 35, questions had been received from Mr Robinson, which the Chairman had agreed would be dealt with as part of this item. A copy of the questions and the response provided by the Chairman was tabled at the meeting and is attached to these minutes (marked 'A'). The Chairman invited Mr Robinson to ask a supplementary question. No supplementary question was asked.

Mr Robinson was then invited to present the petition, containing 4,046 signatures, objecting to the proposed changes to The Trees in Hinckley. In presenting the petition, he stated that, after months of uncertainty, the news of the new proposal for The Trees was welcomed by all. He did, however, query why the original proposal had been suggested and allowed to go to consultation, which he said had caused a great deal of anxiety and stress for the families and individuals concerned. Mr Robinson thanked officers and members for reading the representations submitted by himself and others during the process, and the support received from a variety of sources.

The Lead Member for Adults and Communities thanked Mr Robinson for the work he had undertaken. In response to Mr Robinson's query, the Lead Member explained that the County Council had to undertake formal consultation. The majority of service users supported by the Department used the independent sector and the proposals were seeking to make greater use of the independent sector. The savings that would result would accrue from the building costs and not from a reduced service to existing clients, who would have their needs met in line with their agreed care plans. However, whilst undertaking the consultation, it had become apparent that the overwhelming response was that people were happy with the service provided by the County Council and wished for it to continue. As a result of this, the decision had been taken to change the recommendation and the Lead Member stated that he was very pleased with the outcome.

The Committee welcomed the revised proposals contained within the report, but arising from the discussion, the following comments were raised:-

- (i) Noting that the majority of service users were supported by the independent sector, concern was expressed about the increased risk of failure in that sector and the quality of some service providers. The Director responded by stating that although a small number of private care homes were under scrutiny from the CQC, the County Council, the CQC and the independent providers worked together to address these issues. Where an independent provider was failing, mechanisms were in place to support them, and the County Council had a team dedicated to moving in to failing establishments to provide the necessary help and expertise.
- (ii) The decision to consult was necessary as the County Council had a duty of care to residents and staff, and as such it was important to ensure that facilities were not kept open if they did not meet the required standard.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be advised that this Committee welcomes and supports the proposals.



**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE - 4 JUNE 2018**

**DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT - LEICESTERSHIRE CHILDREN AND**  
**FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2018-2021**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children and Family Services presenting the draft Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018/21. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 10', is filed with these minutes.

In introducing the Plan, the Director of Children and Family Services explained that this was a strategic document which would set out the shared vision for children, young people and their families and the priorities that needed to be achieved. A lead had been identified for each of the five priorities within the Plan and these represented the different agencies from the Children and Families Partnership.

Arising from the discussion, the following comments were raised:-

- (i) The main aim of the Plan was to develop a more extensive offer for families. Within each of the five priorities, thematic working groups had been established to identify key actions to deliver and a detailed business plan had been created for each of the priorities. Progress with delivery of the Plan would be reviewed on an annual basis and success would be measured by considering whether the commitments set out in the Plan had been delivered. Progress would be reported to the Committee as appropriate.
- (ii) All partners had included their logo in the Plan and it was the intention to have a launch event early in the Autumn where all partners would formally sign up to the Plan. To date, the commitment of partners had been good and they were actively engaged in the process. It would be necessary to ensure that this continued.
- (iii) Concern was raised that resources to fund the post to support the delivery of the Plan were only in place until October 2019. A time limit had been placed on the post initially as the success of developing a Plan was unknown. However, good progress had been made and, although there were a lot of competing funding priorities, it was hoped that resources would be available in the budget to continue to fund the post. This would be helped by the fact that the post had now been transferred to the commissioning team within the Children and Families department.
- (iv) The Committee was pleased with the fact that the voice of young people had been captured in the Plan through a series of consultation events. This would be repeated throughout the life of the Plan to ensure that it was delivering what had been agreed.

- (v) The Committee agreed that it was important to know the names of the priority leads, as these would be accountable for ensuring each priority was delivered. There would be some changes to the leads in the coming months, but the current names would be circulated to the Committee.
- (vi) In response to a query around the role of the district and borough councils, the Chief Executive of Blaby District Council was a member of the Children and Families Partnership and fed back to the other authorities. It was noted that there had already been some success, for example, the district and borough councils had agreed to a reduction in Council Tax for care leavers.

The Committee welcomed the draft Plan, and acknowledged that some details were still ongoing. It also recognised that partnership working was key to the success of the delivery of the Plan.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the draft Children and Families Partnership Plan be noted
- (b) That the Cabinet be advised of the views of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the draft Children and Families Partnership Plan.

**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE - 5 JUNE 2018**

**DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT - CENTURY THEATRE, COALVILLE -**  
**PROPOSED TRANSFER TO LEICESTERSHIRE TRADED SERVICES**

The Committee considered a report of the Directors of Adults and Communities and Corporate Resources advising of the work undertaken to explore alternative management options for the Century Theatre in Coalville and to seek approval for its transfer to Leicestershire Traded Services. The report also proposed the de-accession of the Theatre from the Museum Collection, to support its future operation and sustainability as an arts venue and to authorise the Director of Adults and Communities to make disposals from the Museum Collection on behalf of the governing body. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 13' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the discussion, the following comments were raised:-

- (i) In response to a query as to why the Theatre was not moved around the county, it was stated that the Theatre had come to the end of its life as a travelling theatre. The Theatre provided a valuable heritage asset for the area.
- (ii) The Theatre would continue to be an asset of the County Council but it was recognised that there could be significant maintenance costs going forward. The proposals now put forward were aimed at ensuring that the theatre would break even. The Council had invested £250,000 to improve the area around the theatre and the car park, including a new café, to make it more attractive to visitors. If the theatre did not transfer to Leicestershire Traded Services, it would not be possible for the Adults and Communities department to maintain the Theatre at a loss, but it was hoped that the proposals within the report would be the best way to safeguard its future.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be advised that this Committee welcomes and supports the proposals.

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**Submission to Cabinet 13**12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

From Max Hunt CC, the Labour Spokesperson

**Item 13: Parking Strategy U turn**

This is a sadly flawed paper lacking in detail and demanding some proper explanation.

1. *No evidence is provided in the paper that indicates the economy will suffer.* Yet this is the only reason provided for shelving the policy.
2. District Councils face the same dilemmas each time they review their car parking charges but seldom shrink from difficult decisions. *In consequence they raise huge amounts of money for the community without apparently tanking the local economy.*
3. For some 18 months the Cabinet have been promising a new Parking Strategy that would be aligned to our key transport strategic policy objectives including environmental and economic policies outlined in the paper. The proposition was even contained in LPT3.
4. With buy-in from communities on-street parking has the potential to drive the necessary and badly *needed improvements in our highways management.* The Conservative Party fought and convincingly won an election in 2017 in the full light of the policy. We read the decision is not to be taken forward 'at present'. Whatever blandishments emerge from Cabinet today this suggests that it will emerge eventually as budgets tighten. A report has been commissioned and we need to understand the scope of these proposals.
5. Without clear policies out transport agenda seems lost under a deluge of pothole firefighting, uncontrolled congestion and disregarded travel plans. Parking at many School Entrances and Bus Stands remains unenforceable. *We need a parking strategy fit for our county* which does not allow new housing developments to put more vehicles on our streets. Currently traffic planners condone ever more on-street parking, because they lack policies to do otherwise.
6. Financially, the authority is now stuck with *an annual funding gap of £650,000.* This money is no longer available to help the community, whether it's to patch up our roads, to introduce residents' parking zones or to protect pedestrians around schools.
7. A further hole has now opened up in the '*advanced design allocation*' for the next two years with no explanation of the consequences on staffing or bidding for future improvements.

The County Council has been playing a good tune on transport and highways, but now we discover it was all background music whilst the service to the public continues to degrade.

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