

Meeting: **Scrutiny Commission**

Date/Time: **Wednesday, 29 January 2014 at 2.00 pm**

Location: **Sparkenhoe Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield**

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A G E N D A SUPPLEMENT

The following additional report has now been published, agenda item 11 of the main agenda refers.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
11. Consideration of Responses from and Information Requested by Overview and Scrutiny Committees.	(Pages 3 - 54)

The purpose of this item is to enable consideration of the responses of the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees to their respective areas of the Medium Term Financial Strategy:

- Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Pages 3-39)
- Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Pages 41-44)
- Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Pages 45-50)
- Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Pages 51-54)



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**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

21 JANUARY 2014

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/15 TO 2017/18

MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Adults and Communities and Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on the proposed 2014/15 to 2017/18 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as it related to the Adults and Communities Department. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 8' is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed Mr D W Houseman MBE CC, Cabinet Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Mr R Blunt CC, Cabinet Lead Member for Heritage, Leisure and Arts to the meeting for this item.

Arising from discussion the following points were raised:-

General

- (i) The Department was facing unprecedented budget restrictions and demand pressures arising from an increasing elderly population and more complex and high cost packages for people with learning disabilities. In response to this challenge the Department had focussed on:-
- Reducing demand by investing in early intervention and prevention;
 - Ensuring care is provided in the most cost effective way which would mean some restriction on choice;
 - Closer working and commissioning of services with partners, particularly the NHS.

Growth

- (ii) The Committee was advised that the Department had a good track record of forecasting demand pressures, using data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, demographic data and service provision trends;
- (iii) Item G12 – Emergency Duty Team – This growth would enable the service to focus solely on adults;
- (iv) Item G13 - Effective Support efficiency savings – The growth of £2.5million was to meet the shortfall in the programme;

Adult Social Care - Service Reductions

- (v) Item S32 – Community and Day Centre Meals – Whilst noting the need to reduce the subsidy, members sought and obtained an assurance that individual service users would be assessed and those who required it would be provided with support in other ways;
- (vi) Item S33– Limiting service user choice - This would apply to both new and existing users. In respect of existing users, this would be done following the annual review of assessed need;
- (vii) Item S34 – New Models of Early Intervention and Prevention Support – The process would entail a review of existing provision to ensure it was delivering the priorities of the Department at a lower cost. This would mean some services currently provided would cease. The Director undertook to provide a list of providers that were likely to be affected by this proposal (copy attached);

Communities and Wellbeing – Service Reductions

- (viii) Item S35 – Redevelopment of Snibston - At the request of the Chairman, Mr Voller, Lead Petitioner, addressed the Committee. He requested the Council to reconsider the current proposal which would see a refocusing of the Snibston offer on mining and the scheduled ancient monument. He drew attention to the fact that approximately 48% of the 8047 signatories to the petition resided in the Coalville area and that Snibston was an important local facility. He urged the Council to consider alternatives including partnership options, which would see the retention of Snibston on the current basis.

The Committee also noted a written submission made by the local member, Dr T Eynon CC, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

In reply to questions and comments the Committee was advised as follows:-

- The significant financial pressures facing the County Council had meant that all services of the Council needed to look critically at how they operated and make a contribution to savings requirements;
- The proposals to refocus on mining and the scheduled ancient monument and to reduce the current level of subsidy provided to Snibston Museum would be worked up in greater detail over the coming weeks once the Council had agreed the budget proposals;
- The detailed proposals setting out the proposed new 'Snibston offer' would be the subject of consultation with local community and other interested parties and there would be an opportunity for elected members to contribute to the debate prior to a decision being taken. This further work would include details about the cost of operating the future offer as well as any costs that would be incurred in terms of repayment of Heritage Lottery Fund grants and any costs that would arise from securing the museum's collections. This information together with details of the agreement reached

with the National Coal Board regarding the use of the land would be made available to members prior to the meeting of the Scrutiny Commission;

- The County Council had a good track record of working with volunteers and local communities and as part of the consultation on the future of Snibston interested community groups and organisations would be asked to put forward proposals of their own if they wished. Any such proposal received would be evaluated and would have to demonstrate that it was sustainable.

The Committee expressed the view that given that a significant number of Coalville residents had signed the petition and there was a clear view emerging that Snibston was a valuable local resource, North West Leicestershire District Council should, as a number of other District Councils had done, provide financial support for their local museum. It was noted that the District Council would be debating the matter later in the day.

“It was moved by Mr Sharp and seconded by Mr Charlesworth:-

- (a) That the attention of the Cabinet be drawn to the petition containing 8047 signatures of people requesting the County Council to honour its civic duty and continue to manage and fund this important local heritage site and resource for learning;
- (b) That, whilst accepting the requirement to make the savings identified, the Cabinet be asked to defer the current working assumption to refocus the existing Snibston offer on mining and the Scheduled Ancient Monument and to work with the Friends of Snibston over the next twelve months to develop an on-going and sustainable solution which will retain the existing Snibston offer within the new reduced financial envelope now proposed.”

The motion was put and not carried, four members voting for the motion and five against.

(The Committee was advised that in line with normal practice the contents of the resolution above, which was not carried, would be drawn to the attention of the Cabinet.)

- (ix) Item S37 – Reduction in Funding for Community Libraries - A paper setting out details of all community libraries, their opening hours and budgets was circulated at the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes;
- (x) The Committee was advised that the Council would provide professional support to communities who would wish to operate a library service. The exact nature of this support would be clarified in the next stage of the work;
- (xi) It was recognised that the role and function of libraries had changed significantly. This offered opportunities for communities and parish councils to work with the County Council to ensure that local facilities could be retained to provide not only library services but other community activities. The County Council was keen to explore such a solution rather than closing library facilities;

- (xii) The work required to ensure informed discussions could be held with local communities and parishes had yet to be completed and the County Council would look carefully at the work done by other local authorities in this area to learn lessons. It was recognised that there was a need for early engagement with local communities and parishes. In undertaking this work the Council would be mindful to understand and provide details of the proximity of other library and community facilities to local communities to assist them in their deliberations;

Health and Social Care Integration

- (xiii) The Committee was advised that the Better Care Fund (BCF) was aimed at stimulating the integration of health and social care. Whilst the final details had yet to be agreed by the Boards of the two Clinical Commissioning Groups there had been good engagement at officer level. The total allocation by 2015-2016 would be £38.3 million. It was estimated that approximately 40% of the BCF would be required to protect adult social care services. However, there were conditions attached and these included using resources to ensure:-

- A reduction in delayed discharges;
- A plan for community based services to reduce hospital admissions;
- More care provided closer to home;
- More re-ablement services.

Members welcomed the proposals now outlined and urged health and social care providers to engage with local communities and locality groups in developing proposals.

Capital Programme

- (xiv) The Committee was advised as follows:-

- That a risk assessment would be undertaken before users of the Limes Day Centre were relocated to Hinckley Library;
- The Extra Care Scheme in Melton had not been included in the Capital Programme at this stage as it was still in the early stages of planning.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report and information now provided be noted;
- (b) That the comments made at the meeting be forwarded to the Scrutiny Commission for consideration at its meeting on 29 January 2014.

S34 – New Model of Early Intervention and Prevention Support

Current list of organisations affected by the Prevention Model.

(Note: As work is undertaken with the NHS and other partners other services may also be considered)

Existing HRS Contracts
Adullam Housing Association (Floating Support for Offenders)
Advance Housing & Support (Blaby and Oadby & Wigston Floating Support Service (Long-Term) - MH)
Advance Housing & Support (Charnwood and Melton Supported Accommodation (long-term) - MH)
Advance Housing & Support (Charnwood Floating Support Service (Long-Term) - MH)
Advance Housing & Support (Countywide Floating support (long-term) - LD)
Advance Housing & Support (Countywide Floating support (short-term)- MH)
Advance Housing & Support (Harborough Supported Accommodation (Long-Term) - MH)
Advance Housing & Support (Hinckley & Bosworth floating support (long-term) - LD)
Advance Housing & Support (North West Leics and Hinckley & Bosworth Supported Accommodation (long-term) - MH)
Advance Housing & Support (Oadby & Wigston Supported Accommodation (long-term) - MH)
Catch 22 (Floating Support for Care Leavers)
Creative Support Learning Disability Supported Living (long-term)
Creative Support Oadby & Wigston learning disability supported living (long-term)
Creative Support Countywide learning disability floating support (long-term)
East Midlands Housing Assoc (Melton 24 hr supported accom for homeless families and young homeless people (short-term))
East Midlands Housing Assoc (NWL Supported accom for young homeless people (short-term))
Headway Floating Support for people with a physical or sensory impairment
Hinckley Homeless (Hinckley & Bosworth 24 hour supported accommodation for young homeless people

(short-term))
Home Group Stonham (Hinckley and Bosworth supported move on accommodation (short-term))
Home Group Stonham (Supported Lodgings Plus Service)
Leicester City Council (Star) (Site: 642)
Leonard Cheshire Homes (Rocliffe Court)
Mencap Melton, Charnwood and Harborough LD supported living (long term)
Nacro (Countywide floating support for substance misusers (short-term))
Nacro (Floating Support services for offenders/those at risk of offending (short-term))
Nottingham Community Housing Assn LD Floating Support (long-term)
Nottingham Community Housing Assn (Charnwood supported accom for young homeless people (Foyer) (short-term))
Nottingham Community housing Assn (Charnwood mental health supported accommodation (short-term))
Nottingham Community housing Assn (North West Leicestershire mental health floating support (long-term))
The Bridge (Charnwood Floating Support for teenage parents (short-term))
Womens Aid Leicestershire Ltd (Charnwood refuge accommodation (short-term))
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Existing Lunch Club Contracts
Agar Nook Community Centre
Age UK L&R Travelling Lunch Clubs

Age UK O&W Lunch Clubs
Cameo (Ibstock) Lunch Club
Choice
Co-op Castle Donington
Co-op Glenfield
Co-op Luncheon Club Coalville
Co-op Melton
Douglas Jane
Fleckney
Greenhill Community Church Trvg
Groby
Harb Theatre
Higham Way
Hugglescote CC
Hugglescote Primary School
Jagruti
John Storer House WRVS Tuesday & Friday
JSH VAL Wed
JSH VAL Sileby
Kirby Muxloe Library
Leicester Chinese LC
Moira

MS Travelling
New Syston
Oadby Sevak Semaj
Packington Memorial Hall
Rearsby
Roman Way DC
Saltersford Valley
Sapcote
Sathi
Shalom Club
Shrada
Syston (Young at Heart)
The Cove
The Edge
The Reform Lunch Club, Moira
Vidur
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Existing VSO Contracts
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Age UK L&R Befriending and Drop in community mental health service
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Hinckley Mencap - Gateway Group
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Market Harborough Stroke Club
Ibstock & District Stroke Club
Melton Mowbray Welfare Sitting Service - Mencap
Monday Club Leicestershire Ltd (The)
Mosaic - Shaping Disability Service - Early Intervention & Prevention Services

Next Generation
Pursuit
Royal Mencap - Older Carers
Rethink
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Alzheimer's Society - Carers Support Officers - Main
Alzheimer's Society - Memory Advisor Service
Babygear - Supported Volunteering + Work Opportunities

Bangladesh Social Association - Tea Club/Advice And Information Service
CLASP Carers Centre - Information and Advice Service
Hinckley Worklink
HREC - BEDP Bangladeshi Community Development Project
Human Rights & Equalities Charnwood
LEEAP - Advice Only
Melton Furniture Recycling
Mosaic - Shaping Disability Service - Advice and Information
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**INFORMATION CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING
RE ITEM S37 - REDUCTION IN FUNDING FOR
COMMUNITY LIBRARIES**

Community Libraries

Library	Weekly Hours	2013/14 Total C&W Budget Cost*	2012/13 Centrally Managed Costs	Total Cost	Other uses
Anstey	16	865	16,615	17,480	Childrens's centre within building
Barrow upon Soar	20	1,247	8,144	9,391	
Barwell	16	917	11,044	11,961	In George Ward Centre that LCC spent 1.2m of capital. Centre viability a concern
Bottesford	15	595	9,032	9,627	Parish council owned building on long lease - Option to break Lease in 2017. Adult Learning Classes delivered
Braunstone Town	24	1,370	15,744	17,114	Part of Town Council campus, Ground Lease for 99 years wef Jul 2007. Adult Learning classess delivered
Burbage	14	783	9,517	10,300	
Castle Donington	20	1,107	10,377	11,484	
Cosby	13	572	12,434	13,006	
Countesthorpe	13	689	9,573	10,262	Part of PC campus, Ground Lease for 99 years wef Oct 1996. Adult Learning classes delivered
Desford	15	725	13,862	14,587	PC already have an office in the library
East Goscote	19	467	6,749	7,216	School Mobile within primary school
Enderby	20	1,189	11,366	12,555	Part of PC Campus
Fleckney	15	874	28,009	28,883	Childrens's centre within building
Glenhills	13	459	8,260	8,719	Part of PC campus, Ground Lease for 99 years wef Apr 2005
Great Glen	13	450	10,503	10,953	
Groby	20	1,283	9,425	10,708	large plot with vacant space adjacent to PC Office/facilities
Hathern	9	284	3,342	3,626	Very small facility
lstock	12	476	89	565	Shared library with school
Kegworth	13	683	10,818	11,501	
Kibworth	18	918	7,763	8,681	PC anti relocating to library building (not anti the service) due to prominent position in village

Kirby Muxloe	20	1,218	14,686	15,904	Adult Learning Classes Delivered
Leicester Forest East	21	1,283	21,334	22,617	New library 2012 adjacent to school
Market Bosworth	18	755	12,114	12,869	In school
Markfield	18	911	11,890	12,801	New Library 2005 adjacent to school
Measham	17	1,105	13,063	14,168	New Library 2004 close to Health Centre
Mountsorrel	20	1,443	25,929	27,372	New Library 2007. Redeveloped in partnership with local benefactor. Large Meeting room and ICT room. Adult Learning Classes delivered
Narborough	14	627	7,752	8,379	Very small facility
Newbold Verdon	18	913	24,054	24,967	New library 2009 built with lottery funding and therefore a contingent liability. Adult Learning Courses delivered
Quorn	14	620	4,870	5,490	Currently located within Quorn Rawlins College
Ratby	15	730	16,173	16,903	PC to move in 1/4/14
Rothley	16	872	8,803	9,675	In small mobile classroom adjacent to school
Sapcote	13	314	11,025	11,339	
Sileby	17	916	7,402	8,318	
South Wigston	13	613	13,486	14,099	Service based in Basset Street Community Centre
Stoney Stanton	13	575	8,844	9,419	
Thurmaston	17	827	8,715	9,542	

* Does not include bookfund

Asfordby ICT Centre - Managed by Parish Council from 2013, ICT infrastructure provided by LCC

**INFORMATION CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING
COMMENTS FROM DR T EYNON CC, RE SNIBSTON**

As local Member, I share the Friends of Snibston concerns regarding Budget lines S35, S36 and S38 in the Medium Term Financial strategy.

I am concerned that the proposal to reduce the Museum and focus on the Scheduled Ancient Monument will not provide the savings needed and will not maximise the opportunities available from this transformation.

The Coalition's reduction in the Revenue Support Grant at a time when there is increasing pressure on the social care budget has made a challenging position into one that is extremely difficult for Leicestershire County Council.

This Council is committed to protecting vulnerable people as its first priority. It is essential that every proposal to modify the budget is financially balanced and does not expose the Council to increased costs.

Equally, any change to services proposed in the Medium Term Financial Strategy needs to be sustainable, actually provide the expected savings and not work to the detriment of disadvantaged groups.

The Friends of Snibston, who are supported by the Coalville Town Team and North West Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce, are concerned that the proposal to focus the new offer on mining and the Scheduled Ancient Monument will not provide an economically viable future for the Museum. Most (60%) of the 100,000 paying visitors to Snibston travel from outside the County to enjoy the gadgets in the 'Shed'. The headstock is not the primary attraction.

A new offer for Snibston needs to be financially sustainable and build on its strengths. The public funds invested in it need to address priorities including Health and Wellbeing and Economic regeneration.

Local industries recognise that a vibrant local community is good for business.

Snibston Discovery Museum is not just a former mine. It celebrates the technology and industries that made Leicestershire the wealthy County it is today. Textiles, fashion, mineral extraction and railway engineering are all represented.

North West Leicestershire no longer exports coal, but it is still at the cutting edge when it comes to other aggregate and mineral industries.

Hanson's brick in Measham have recently won a major award for their low energy, zero waste, soft mud brick factory <http://tinyurl.com/pbka6ln> (attached as Appendix)

Aggregate Industries at Bardon are extending their Quarry. They are working with Leicester University on high tech dust control measures and biodiversity.

As agreed with Leicestershire County Council, Aggregate Industries Bardon Quarry New Extraction Area will not only be returning a levy of £2 per tonne to the Government but also an additional 5p per tonne to a Community Fund up to a total of £400,000. Aggregate Industries are keen to work with local representatives to decide how their contribution should be used to benefit the community.

The previous Director of Public Health, Peter Marks report made it clear that health is linked to wealth. Barriers to wellbeing in North West Leicestershire include low skills and educational attainment.

According to the 2011 census, across Leicestershire only 22% of residents describe their highest Level of Qualifications as 'none'.

In North West Leicestershire that figure is 25%. In Coalville, according to the 2011 census, that figure is 30%. The residents of Greenhill report the figure, according to the 2011 census, to be 33%. The residents of Bradgate Drive (postcode areas 4HG 4HH 4JA) who are most affected by the dust from the nearby Quarry report, according to the 2011 census, that 40% of their number have no qualifications.

Snibston hosts the Learning and Engagement team and provides a wide range of informal educational activities. The Museum is a hub for volunteering, taking on disadvantaged youth and others not in education, employment and training. There are opportunities to access funding for NEETs that could be maximised.

The detailed budget for Snibston includes fixed Property costs that will not be reduced by closing the 'Shed'. The savings to Communities and Wellbeing will only be £237,813, less than a third of the figure that has been promoted in the press.

As local Member, I am concerned that there will be considerable funds invested in 'transforming' the current Museum. Do we know how much closing the Discovery Museum and storing the artefacts will cost the Council? Will any savings made be swallowed up by these new costs?

Disquiet with the proposal to reduce the Museum is not a Coalville issue. More than 8000 people across the County have petitioned the Council to retain Snibston in its current form. The current plan will reduce an attraction from one that generates £750,000 to one that is unlikely to attract visitors and could end up being a community liability rather than an asset.

As local Member, I would urge the Council to engage with the business community in North West Leicestershire and local educational providers. There is a need to 'redevelop Snibston with new offer' that is economically sustainable and makes full use of its potential to regenerate a community that still includes some of the most disadvantaged residents in the County.

APPENDIX

Hanson receives major environmental award

Hanson has gained a major commendation in the Business Commitment to the Environment (BCE) awards for its low energy, zero waste, soft mud brick factory at [Measham](#) in Leicestershire.

The awards were founded by Sir Peter Parker in 1975 and recognise businesses that meet the commercial demands of the present without compromising the environment for future generations.

Companies receiving awards have clearly demonstrated that they are innovative and ahead of the competition and that corporate responsibility is an integral part of their organisation.

Hanson's £50 million brick factory has sustainability and quality at its core and is the most modern and efficient in Europe. It was built on brownfield land and meets the Building Research Establishment's 'very good' environmental standard with a focus on natural lighting and ventilation, employee health and welfare, energy saving and water conservation. With the capacity to produce 30,000 Hanson Ecostock™ bricks an hour; the fully mechanised factory can operate with just 28 staff.

Hanson UK's national marketing manager Paul Lacey said: "The commendation recognises our commitment to sustainable production while meeting the commercial demands of modern industry."

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INFORMATION REQUESTED AT THE MEETING
(S35) – REDEVELOPMENT OF SNIBSTON

Contingent Liabilities

The main contingency liabilities to date associated with Snibston from the Heritage Lottery Fund are as follows:

- The Fashion Gallery – Capital grant - 25 year legacy expires 2030.
Maximum liability £680,000 (if tapered £435,000 repayable assuming declining balance),
- Mine of Memory – Revenue Grant - 10 year legacy expires 2017
Maximum liability £50, 000 (if tapered £15,000 repayable assuming declining balance),

The Heritage Lottery Fund contract indicates that, should the agreed purposes of the bid not be fulfilled, HLF could request “the grant or a lesser amount” to be repaid.

With regard to the Fashion Gallery, should this be displayed at another accredited museum which delivers the same outcome (i.e. visitor numbers) the liability might not arise.

Covenants

A copy of the HM Land Registry entry, which is publicly available, is attached.

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TITLE NUMBER: LT175404

There is no application or official search pending against this title.

A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

LEICESTERSHIRE : NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE

- 1 (16.06.1986) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above Title filed at the Registry and being Snibston Discovery Park, Ashby Road, Coalville (LE67 3LN).
- 2 The mines and minerals together with ancillary powers of working are excepted.
- 3 The Conveyance dated 27 March 1986 referred to in the Charges Register is expressed to grant the following right:-

"TOGETHER WITH the right of way set out in the Second Schedule

SECOND SCHEDULE

Right of Way granted to the Council

The right (in common with the Board its servants Agents Licensees and all other persons entitled to a like right) with or without vehicles so far as may be necessary to ingress to and egress from the Property over and along the access road coloured brown on the plan ("the Access Road") or along such other access road the exact route to be agreed by the parties hereto and the approximate position of which is indicated on the plan and such Road to be constructed to the standard of the Highways Authority by the Council at its own cost) SUBJECT TO the Council paying a proportion of the expense incurred by the Board in repairing rebuilding cleansing and maintaining the Access Road as provided in the Fifth Schedule PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT during the continuance of the Lease between the Board and the Council referred to in Part III of the Fourth Schedule the Council shall not exercise the rights set out in this Schedule without the prior approval of the Colliery Manager

FOURTH SCHEDULE

III

Lease to which the Property is sold subject to and with the benefit of

Date	Parties	Term	Rent
11.4.1979	The Council (1) The Board (2)	2 years from the date hereof"	£11,023 p.a.

NOTE: The access road coloured brown referred to is tinted brown on the filed plan.

- 4 The Conveyance dated 27 March 1986 referred to in the Charges Register contains the following exceptions and reservations:-

"EXCEPTING AND RESERVING to the Board as set out in the Third Schedule

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A: Property Register continued

THIRD SCHEDULE

Exceptions and Reservations in Favour of the Board

I

All interests of the Board in any mines (other than the shafts) beds and seams of coal and other minerals (so far as the other minerals are not now vested in the Board's predecessors in title) in or under the Property with all necessary rights powers and easements for searching for winning working getting and carrying away by underground operations the said coal and other minerals and any other coal or other minerals in which the Board has any interest including the right to drive occupy and use roadways and other works in the strata under and adjacent to the Property and also under and adjacent to the shafts or in or through the shafts and any fillings thereof without any obligation to leave subjacent or lateral support for the shafts or for the fillings caps or plugs thereof or for any building structure or works erected or placed in or over the same and the right to let down the surface of the Property and any building structure or works now or hereafter erected constructed or placed on or in the Property and except as provided by the Coal Mining (Subsidence) Act 1957 the Board shall not be liable to make good or pay compensation for any damage or loss whatsoever caused directly or indirectly by any mining or other operations in under or adjacent to the Property carried out by the Board or any other person whether before or on or after the date hereof

II

All coal and other minerals (so far as the same are not now vested in the Board's predecessors in title) colliery waste and red shale now lying in or on the property

III

Full and free right for the Board and its respective servants and agents and all other persons authorised by it to enter upon the Property to inspect the tip comprised in the Property and to carry out and perform in on or in the vicinity of the Property all of such works and operations as are in any way relevant to the performance in relation to the said tip of the obligations imposed upon the Board and its servants by Part I of the Mines and Quarries (Tips) Act 1969 (hereinafter called "the Tips Act" which expression where appropriate shall include statutory modification replacement or re-enactment thereof) and the regulations made or to be made thereunder PROVIDED that the right and liberty by this clause reserved shall cease to have effect from the date of the making of an Order under Section 2(3)(b) of the Tips Act in respect of the tip comprised in the Property

IV

A right of way for the Board its Servants Agents and Licensees (in common with the Council and all other persons entitled to the like right) at all times and for all purposes with or without vehicles to use the existing roadway (in its existing condition) adjoining the boundary of the property through the gate at the point marked "G" on the plan to the point marked "D" on the plan the Board paying the Council a fair and proportionate part of maintaining the same according to user

V

(1) The right to the free passage and running of water soil gas electricity and other services from and to any adjoining or neighbouring land of the Board through the property through and along the service installations which now or hereafter may serve the Property and the retained land together with all easements rights and privileges over the Property necessary and proper for inspecting cleaning repairing and reinstating the same

(2) The right for the Board and any appropriate County and District Council Electricity Board and other Statutory or Public Authority or Undertaker and their respective servants agents and licensees to enter

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A: Property Register continued

upon the Property on giving reasonable notice for (except in the case of emergency) the purpose of laying making inspecting cleaning repairing maintaining and reinstating any Service Installations for the use of any adjoining or neighbouring land of the Board and to connect to the same and to use any Service Installations on or under the Property but so that the persons so entering and carrying out any such work shall at their own cost forthwith make good all damage thereby occasioned and shall restore the Property to its former condition

(3) Full and free right to use the Board's adjoining or neighbouring land for building and any other purposes notwithstanding that any buildings or other erections built or to be built or erected thereon may interfere with the access of light and air to the Property

(4) All easements quasi-easements liberties privileges rights and advantages now or heretofore occupied or enjoyed by any adjoining or neighbouring land of the Board over or in respect of the Property and which would be implied by statute or by reason of severance in favour of a purchaser of any adjoining or neighbouring land of the Board if the same had been conveyed to such Purchaser and the Property had been retained by the Board."

NOTE: The points G and D referred to have been reproduced on the filed plan and the shafts referred to are marked X, Y and Z in blue on the filed plan.

- 5 (12.05.2009) The mauve tinting on the title plan is no longer of any significance and should be ignored since the entry in the register which gave rise to this reference has been cancelled.
- 6 (03.01.2013) The reference edged and numbered 1 and 2 in yellow on the title plan is no longer of any significance and should be ignored since the entry in the register which gave rise to this reference has been cancelled.

B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

Title absolute

- 1 (16.06.1986) PROPRIETOR: THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL of County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire. LE3 8RA.

C: Charges Register

This register contains any charges and other matters that affect the land.

- 1 A Conveyance of the land tinted blue on the filed plan dated 7 July 1923 made between (1) The Chaplains and Poor of the Hospital of William Wyggeston (Chaplains and Poor) and (2) The South Leicestershire Colliery Company Limited (Purchasers) contains covenants details of which are set out in the schedule of restrictive covenants hereto.
- 2 A Conveyance of the land tinted pink and hatched blue on the filed plan and other land dated 14 December 1938 made between (1) The Chaplains and Poor of the Hospital of William Wyggeston in the City of Leicester (Vendors) and (2) The South Leicestershire Colliery Company Limited (Purchasers) contains covenants details of which are set out in the schedule of restrictive covenants hereto.
- 3 A Conveyance of the land in this title and other land dated 27 March 1986 made between (1) National Coal Board (Board) and (2) Leicestershire County Council (Council) contains covenants details of which are set out in the schedule of restrictive covenants hereto.

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C: Charges Register continued

- 4 The parts of the land affected thereby are subject to the leases set out in the schedule of leases hereto.
The leases grant and reserve easements as therein mentioned.

Schedule of restrictive covenants

- 1 The following are details of the covenants contained in the Conveyance dated 7 July 1923 referred to in the Charges Register:-

"The Purchasers for themselves and their successors and assigns hereby covenant with the Chaplains and Poor their successors and assigns that they the Purchasers

shall not nor will use the said piece of land hereby conveyed for the purpose of a dumping pit waste or any other purpose which in the opinion of the said Surveyors shall be offensive or a nuisance to the Chaplains and Poor their successors and assigns or other adjoining owners."

- 2 The following are details of the covenants contained in the Conveyance dated 14 December 1938 referred to in the Charges Register:-

FOR THE BENEFIT of the adjoining lands now forming part of the estate of the Vendors and to the intent that this covenant shall so far as the law will permit run with the said premises and be binding upon the owner or owners into whosoever hands the same may come the Purchasers hereby covenant with the vendors that they will observe and perform the conditions and stipulations set out in the Fifth Schedule hereto

The Fifth Schedule above referred to

If at any time hereafter during the lives of the issue now living of His Majesty King George IV and the last survivor of them and 21 years after the death of such survivor the strip of land not exceeding 35 feet in width hatched red on the said plan forming parts of enclosures numbered 98 268 269 and 270 and abutting upon the occupation road hereinbefore mentioned shall be required by the Vendors for the purpose of the formation of a new street and the Vendors shall give to the Purchasers a notice in writing in that behalf the Purchasers shall give up the said strip of land accordingly and the Purchasers shall on demand pay to the Vendors one half of the cost (as certified by the Vendors' Surveyors) of constructing and kerbing the carriage way of such new street and the sewers thereunder in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authority and of maintaining the same in repair until adopted and the repair thereof undertaken by the Local Authority.

NOTE: The land hatched red referred to is hatched blue on the filed plan.

- 3 The following are details of the covenants contained in the Conveyance dated 27 March 1986 referred to in the Charges Register:-

"THE Council hereby covenants with the Board to the intent and so as to bind (so far as practicable) the Property or any part or parts thereof into whosoever hands the same may come and to benefit and protect any mines and minerals in which the Board has any interest and which provide subjacent or lateral support for the Property or any part or parts thereof but not so as to render the Council personally liable in damages for any breach of covenant committed after it shall have parted with all interest in the Property in respect of which such breach shall occur that no new building structure or works and no addition to any existing building structure or works shall at any time be erected constructed or placed on or in the Property or any part or parts thereof except in accordance with plans and specifications previously approved in writing by the Board but such approval shall not be withheld unless the design layout or method of construction of such new or additional building structure or works or the materials to be used in the construction thereof do not conform to the reasonable requirements of the Board for minimising damage by subsidence PROVIDED that if any dispute shall arise between the Board and the Council as to whether such approval as aforesaid has been properly withheld such

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Schedule of restrictive covenants continued

dispute shall in default of agreement be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator appointed by the Board and the Council or in default of agreement on such appointment of two arbitrators one to be appointed by each party subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1950 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof

(A) THE Council hereby covenants with the Board at all times hereafter to discharge any duty imposed on the Board in relation to the shafts whether at Common law or by subsection (1) of Section 151 of the Mines and Quarries Act 1954 or any statutory modification of re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and to fulfil all obligations imposed in relation to the shafts as to safety or otherwise which have effect by virtue of any Act of Parliament (except such obligations as are imposed on the Board by the Coal Mining (Subsidence) Act 1957 or any other legislation relating to subsidence damage for the time being in force) and to keep the Board indemnified against all actions costs claims and demands which arise in consequence of failure to discharge the duty or fulfil the obligations aforesaid

(B) The Council hereby covenants with the Board to the intent and so as to bind (so far as practicable) the shafts and the land (hereinafter called "the land") within a distance of Forty feet from the centre of each of the shafts at surface level and any part or parts thereof into whosoever hands the same may come and to benefit and protect any mines and minerals in which the Board has any interest and which provide subjacent or lateral support for the shafts or the land or any part or parts thereof as follows:-

1. Not at any time hereafter without the Board's consent in writing and without obtaining written approval to its plans specifications elevations and drawings to use or permit the shafts and the land to be used for any purpose nor carry out any works of alterations demolition or construction therein or thereon

2. Not at any time hereafter to deposit any matter in or fill in the shafts except in accordance with directions in writing given by the Board and not to deposit therein any effluent or noxious matter or thing likely to affect injuriously any water supply or which may cause a nuisance damage or annoyance or be harmful to property or persons in the neighbourhood or which by its nature could impede or interfere with any of the workings of the Board or result in the sterilisation of coal

(3) If at any time the land shall be cleared of buildings and permanent structures then the Council will forthwith at its own expense in accordance with plans specifications elevations and drawings approved by the Board fully and permanently cap the shafts

(C) THE Council hereby covenants further with the Board

(1) Not to dispose of the shafts or the land or grant any interest therein to any person or body or persons corporate or unincorporate or permit any person or persons as aforesaid to occupy or use the shafts or the land without obtaining from such person or persons covenants in favour of the Board in the terms of the covenants imposed on the Council by virtue of these clauses

(2) to ensure that the Board is made a party to any disposition or grant referred to in item (1) above for the purpose of taking the benefit of covenants in its favour that the Board is without the cost to it furnished with a duly stamped duplicate executed by the covenantor of any instrument giving effect to any such disposition or grant such duplicate instrument being supplied to the Board within six weeks of the date of execution thereof Provided that the Board shall not be called upon to execute any such instrument

III

THE Council hereby covenants with the Board for the benefit and protection of any adjoining or neighbouring land of the Board or any part or parts thereof and so as to bind so far as may be practicable the Property into whosoever hands the same may come that the Council will at all times hereafter observe and perform the matters which are

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set out in the Fifth Schedule

FIFTH SCHEDULE Covenants on behalf of the Council

I To maintain the existing fences hedges and walls bounding the property to the satisfaction of the Board's South Midlands Area Estate Manager so far as the same where heretofore the Board's responsibility

II To erect and thereafter forever maintain good and sufficient fences of a type to be approved by the Board's South Midlands Area Estate Manager between the boundaries of the Property marked "A" and "B" "B" and "C" "D" and "E" "E" and "F" on the plan and also to erect and thereafter maintain a gate at the point marked "G" on the plan to the satisfaction of the Board's South Midlands Area Estate Manager

III Not to use the tip and that part of the Property coloured purple on the plan for any use other than for recreational purposes

IV To pay to the Board on demand a reasonable proportion (according to user) of the expense incurred by the Board in repairing rebuilding cleansing and maintaining the Access Road (or any alternative Access Road constructed by the Purchaser in accordance with the Second Schedule) such proportion in the case of dispute shall be conclusively determined by the Board's South Midlands Area Estate Manager

V Not without the previous consent in writing of the Board to extract or remove or cause or permit or suffer to be extracted or removed any material from any tip situated on the Property PROVIDED that the Council may make use of any such material in connection with the reclamation or landscaping of the Property

VI to maintain the existing roadway referred to in the Third Schedule in good repair and condition

VII To keep the Board indemnified against any expenditure the Board is required to incur by reason of action taken by a Local Authority under Part II of the Tips Act or under any statutory instrument in relation to any tip situated on the Property

VIII Not to do or suffer to be done in on or in the vicinity of the Property any action in contravention of any of the provisions of the Tips Act or the regulations made or to be made thereunder and to comply with any direction given by the Board with the object of ensuring compliance with the said provisions and to indemnify and keep indemnified the Board and its servants Agents and Licensees from and against any claims losses costs charges demands actions and all other liabilities arising out of any such contravention of any of the said provisions PROVIDED that the covenant contained in this clause shall not be enforced in relation to any act or event which may take place after the date of the making of any order in respect of the tips comprised in the Property under Section 2(3) (b) of the Tips Act

IX To take all reasonable precautions to ensure that any works carried out on the Property will not constitute any danger to members of the public by reason of causing any tip or part of a tip on or in the vicinity of the Property to become unstable

X Not to dispose of the property coloured purple on the plan or grant any interest therein to any person or body of persons corporate or incorporate or permit any person or persons as aforesaid to occupy or use the purpose land without obtaining from such person or persons covenants in favour of the Board in the terms of the covenants set out in clause V and XI of this Schedule and in order to ensure the Board is made a party to the disposition or grant referred to above to make the Board a party to any disposition or grant and to comply with Clause 211 C of this Conveyance

XI The Council hereby covenants to indemnify the Board and its servants agents or licensees against all losses costs charges claims demands damages actions and all other liabilities arising in connection with any statutory duty or liability imposed on the Board its servants agents or licensees in relation to the property and Section 18 of the

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Clean Air Act 1956 or any statutory modification or reenactment thereof."

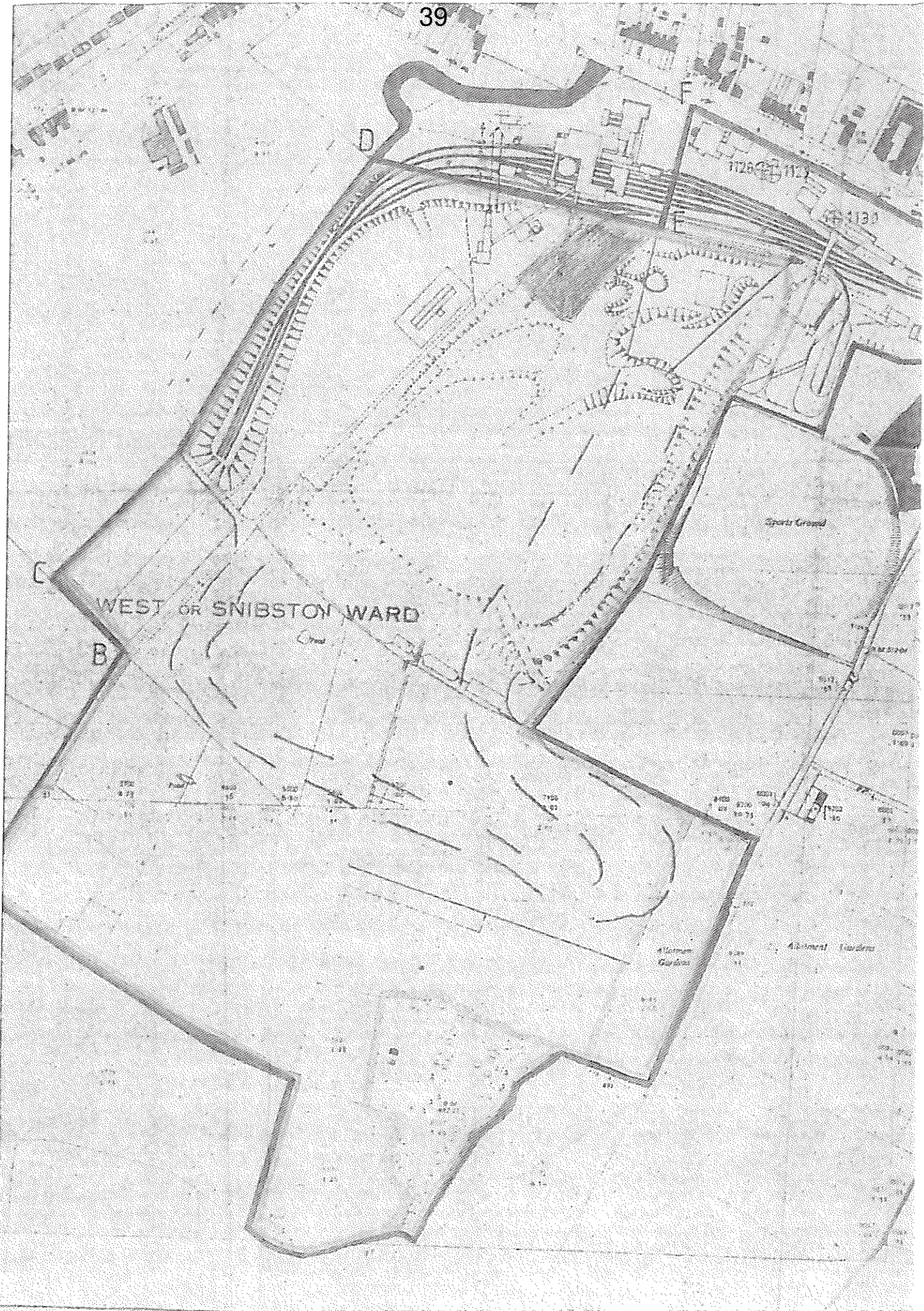
NOTE 1: The points A, B, C and D referred to have been reproduced on the filed plan and the shafts referred to are marked X, Y and Z in blue on the filed plan

NOTE 2: Copy Conveyance plan filed.

Schedule of notices of leases

1	03.08.2009	Padmount Transformer at Snibston Discovery Park	19.07.2000 21 years from 19/07/2000	LT422614
2	14.02.2012 Edged blue	Land on the north east side of 2 Jackson Street, Coalville	11.10.2011 10 years from and including 1.5.2011	LT442154

End of register



WEST OR SNIBSTON WARD

Sports Ground

Allotment Gardens

Allotment Gardens

C

B

D



**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

20 JANUARY 2014

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/15 TO 2017/18

MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children and Family Services and the Director of Corporate Resources on the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period 2013/14 to 2016/17 as it related to the Children and Young People's Service (CYPS). A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting the Cabinet Lead Member for Children and Young People, Mr I. D. Ould CC, and the Cabinet Support Member, Mr G. Hart CC, who attended for this item.

The following points arose from discussion and questions:

Overall Context

- i. The Children and Young People's Service had already made savings of £30m since 2010 and was now required to find a further £12.7m from a budget of £59m;
- ii. Savings proposals had been developed in consultation with service managers. Focus had been given to ensuring that Child Protection Services were not adversely affected. Also, wherever possible, frontline Child Care Services would be protected. However, this would not mean that such services would continue as at present, they would be subject to review to ensure that where possible any additional efficiency savings were realised;
- iii. Some of the savings proposals outlined were aspirational, particularly efficiency savings arising from item S2 (Supporting Leicestershire Families Programme) which were dependent upon the programme continuing successfully to reduce pressures across the Department;
- iv. The budget proposals made no provision for additional national service pressures that were likely to arise from changes to the Special Educational Needs assessment process. There were also some uncertainties; for example, an analysis of the financial implications of the change to enable children to stay within the foster care system up to the age of 21 had been

undertaken, but this was an estimate and the true costs would be unclear for some time;

Growth

- v. Recognising the difficult financial situation the growth included in item G4 (Quality of Education) was particularly welcomed;

Savings

- vi. Item S2 (Supporting Leicestershire Families Programme), S17 (Safeguarding Services) and S18 (Early Help/Early Intervention) – An assurance was sought that savings arising from these proposals would not adversely impact on the quality of safeguarding services or undermine the good work that had been achieved by the Supporting Leicestershire Families Programme in reducing demand for CYPS services. The Cabinet Lead Member indicated that he was relatively satisfied that current standards would be maintained, but there were some uncertainties which meant that the budget and priorities proposed would need to be monitored and reviewed throughout the year;
- vii. Item S4 (Homeless 16/17 year olds) – There would be no reduction in services arising from this saving. The savings had been achieved as a result of joint re-commissioning by the Children and Families and Adults and Communities Department of the existing Supporting People contract for care leavers;
- viii. Item S5 (Short breaks for disabled children) – This budget had been underspent in the previous two years and the saving of £300,000 was the proportion of the budget that had not been used;
- ix. Item S7 (Voluntary Sector Support) – A discussion had taken place at an early stage with Voluntary Action LeicesterShire and other voluntary groups regarding pressures on the Council's budget and the need for the Council to re-focus grant support for the voluntary sector which would realise a majority of the savings. The remainder of the savings could potentially be achieved by voluntary sector service providers coming together, thereby reducing overheads;

Dedicated Schools Grant

- x. Leicestershire continued to be a low funded authority. The committee noted the work of F40 (The Campaign Group for Fairer Funding in Education) which had been seeking to engage with all political parties at a national level to address this issue;

Free School Meals

- xi. Concern was expressed that no announcement had been made for revenue funding for free school meals. Whilst capital provision had been

made, it was not known whether schools would be able to plan for the delivery of this new requirement in time for its planned roll out in September 2014;

Free School Meals and impact on Pupil Premium

- xii. The Pupil Premium was currently calculated using eligibility for free school meals. As the Government's intention was to provide free school meals to all primary school children, how this would impact on the calculation of the Pupil Premium remained uncertain, as the Department for Education (DfE) had not yet addressed this issue;

Academies

- xiii. Concern was expressed at the delay at DfE level in arranging for schools in special measures to be converted into sponsored academies. This had an impact on the Council's budget, particularly in relation to those schools which were in a budget deficit position. The Committee requested that a letter be sent on its behalf to the DfE which supported the comments previously submitted by the Director and Cabinet Lead Member about this issue;

Capital Programme

- xiv. The Committee welcomed the Capital Programme, but expressed concerns in relation to the two issues, namely:
- That no announcement had been made regarding the allocation of the capital maintenance grant;
 - That the allocation for Basic Need whilst welcome, should not be seen as a means of meeting the additional school places that would be required from new developments. There were already concerns regarding the operation of section 106 (developer contributions) arrangements. The Committee noted that the Chief Executive had convened a meeting in February to discuss this issue at officer level which was welcomed. The Committee also noted that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the strategy for school place planning.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report and information now provided be noted;
- (b) That the comments made at this meeting be forwarded to the Scrutiny Commission for consideration at its meeting on 29 January 2014;
- (c) That a letter be sent on behalf of the Committee to the Department for Education supporting the comments previously made to it by the Director and Cabinet Lead Member for Children Services regarding delays in arranging for schools in special measures to be converted into sponsored

academies;

- (d) That the comments now made by the Committee regarding the need to secure section 106 development contributions for future school places be noted and that, following the planned officer meeting arranged by the Chief Executive to discuss issues surrounding section 106 agreements, a letter be sent, if necessary, to all District Council's advising them of this Committee's concerns regarding the need for educational provision to be made in relation to new developments.

**ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 23 JANUARY 2013**

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/15 TO 2017/18

MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Environment and Transport and the Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on the proposed 2014/15 to 2017/18 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as it related to the Environment and Transport Department. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 8' is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed Mr P C Osborne CC, Cabinet Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Mr B L Pain CC, Cabinet Lead Member for Waste Management, and Mrs P Posnett CC, Cabinet Lead Member for Environmental Matters to the meeting for the item.

Arising from discussion the following points were raised:-

General

- (i) The Director of Environment and Transport and Cabinet Lead Members advised the Committee that the Department's budget over the next four years reduced from £84 million to £65.5 million. In seeking to address this, the Department had looked carefully at its operation with the view to generating efficiency savings, thereby reducing the impact on services. Given the scale of the savings required, £18.5 million over four years, this had only been possible to a limited extent. Nevertheless, of the total savings required in the Highways and Transportation budget, 31% was being met through efficiency savings, and in Waste Management that figure was 84%;
- (ii) In response to a question the Director advised the Committee that there were no proposals to reduce the number of highway forum meetings as these were a useful means of engaging with local district and parish councils and local communities. However, the operation of these forums, as with all other areas of activity, would be kept under review;

Growth

- (iii) Item G 14 – Special Educational Needs (SEN) transport client numbers and costs – The Committee was advised that the increase in cost was largely attributable to young people with more complex and challenging needs rather than increase in the number of service users. It was also reported that the

market for SEN transport was not as competitive as in other areas which made it more difficult to realise efficiency savings;

- (iv) Item G 15 – Removal of time-limited growth for advance design funding for highways schemes – The impact of this would be a reduction in the number of large schemes being designed. Members were advised that the Capital Programme amounted to approximately £84 million over the next four years and, therefore, there would still be a need for a team of staff to undertake design work to deliver that Programme. The Director indicated that he would supply details of the number of design staff employed by the Department to members of the Committee and the Scrutiny Commission;

(Note: This information is not yet available and will be provided separately)

- (v) Item G 16 – Landfill Tax – The Committee was advised that the landfill tax was a means by which the Government sought to incentivise diversion from landfill to other forms of treatment. The Local Government Association had made representations to the Government regarding the impact of the proposed increase in landfill tax on local authority budgets. The County Council would continue to work with district councils to increase recycling and reduce the amount of residual waste sent to landfill sites;

Savings – Highways and Transport

- (vi) Item S44 – Service Review – Notice Processing Unit – In response to a question the Committee was advised that the savings had been generated through restructuring of the Notice Processing Unit. No change was proposed in relation to staff employed in enforcement work;
- (vii) Item S45 – Revised approach to Highways Maintenance – The Committee was reminded that it had considered this matter at its previous meeting. In essence the proposals envisaged identifying and purchasing the most cost effective solution. The proposals would have no adverse impact on response times, indeed, where the new arrangements had been introduced response times had improved;
- (viii) Item S46 – Street lighting –
- The saving of £245,000 in 2014/15 would be delivered as part of the previously agreed programme of part night lighting. A whole systems review of street lighting would be undertaken over the coming months and detailed proposals for achieving the additional £1 million savings would be submitted to members for their consideration;
 - Members of the Committee welcomed the proposals to switch over to LED illumination;
 - With regard to concerns in relation to part night lighting and switching off, the Director stated that where the Police had raised concerns about increased crime levels, street lighting had been temporarily reinstated.

This had only occurred on two occasions and the evidence to date indicated that there had been no increase in actual crime.

(ix) Item S48 – Revised approach to Highways Maintenance –

- The Committee was advised that as a result of the revised approach the County Council would seek to maintain the condition of its current highway network and that there would be a reduction in improvements and additions to the network;
- In response to a concern about using capital for revenue schemes the Director advised that the intention was to use LTP capital grants and not capital borrowing, and, as such, there would be no on-going revenue consequences. The Committee was further advised that the Department had been successful in obtaining external resources in the form of Government grant and developer funding and other opportunities to supplement the Capital Programme;
- With regard to the preparation of the Single Economic Plan, the Committee was advised that this was now the responsibility of the Leicester and Leicestershire Economic Partnership (LLEP). Details of the Single Economic Plan would be reported to the Scrutiny Commission in March/April;

(x) Item S49 – Environmental Maintenance Reductions – In response to questions, the Committee was advised that the requirement under Section 96 of the Highways Act 1980 was to ensure that any highway grass was “not a nuisance or injurious to the owner or occupier of premises adjacent to the highway.” The local highway authority would need to determine for itself how it meets the requirements of the Highways Act 1980 and there was no set standard. Currently, the County Council undertook up to nine cuts a year in urban areas and two cuts a year in rural areas. Additional cuts were carried out as necessary on visible splays;

(xi) Item S50 – Road Safety Partnership Funding – The Director advised the Committee that the County Council would be withdrawing its contribution from the Partnership but would continue to work with the Partnership to ensure it developed a robust business model based on its main income stream, driver education workshops, and become less reliant on grants. The initial work undertaken with the Partnership indicated that such an approach would still enable the Partnership to continue with a large portion of its current activities. By way of example, the Director pointed out that the Partnership planned to invest £1 million in a fixed camera renewal programme and the purchase of an additional mobile camera unit. He went on to advise that it was likely that the Road Safety Partnership would wish to continue to work with local communities on road safety initiatives including Speed Watch;

(xii) Item S51 – Review of SEN Transport Policy – The Committee was advised that savings had accrued as a result of a change of entitlement. Had the policy not

changed, the growth that would be required for SEN Transport (Item G14 refers) would have been significantly higher;

(xiii) Item S52 – Review of supported bus network including alternative provision –

- The Committee was advised that the proposals put forward by the Scrutiny Review Panel on the County Council's 95% Bus Coverage Policy had been the subject of detailed consultation. The Scrutiny Panel would now be asked to consider consultation responses and make recommendations on the future of the supported bus network.
- With regard to the representations made by Hose and Harby Parish Council, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, the Director indicated that the concerns raised would be taken into account in a future report to this Committee when the consultation findings were reported on. He pointed out that the comments on usage made by the Parish Council related specifically to Service 24, whereas the consultation document referred to usage across Services 23, 24 and 25;

Savings - Waste Management/Environment

- (i) Item S58 – Efficiencies from contract procurement/renewal - The Committee was advised that, whilst some savings had already been achieved from renegotiation of some contracts, further savings were dependent upon procurement processes which were currently in progress or due to start shortly;
- (ii) Item S59 – Revised payment mechanism on recycling credits –
- The Committee was advised that the current expenditure on recycling credits was £5.4million. This would rise to £6.2 million by 2017/18. The County Council was aiming to work with the seven District Councils to reduce expenditure in this area. It was noted that some District Councils were charging for collecting green waste and were also receiving recycling credits from the County Council;
 - The advice received from the County Council's legal service team was that the proposals were in line with the requirements of the Environment Protection Act. The Committee was advised that should it not be possible to reach agreement with the District Councils a recommendation would be made to members regarding the proposed reduction in recycling credits and at that point members would be advised in detail of the legal position;
- (iii) Item S61 – Trade Waste income - Members suggested that at some point consideration should be given to receiving trade waste from small businesses at the Loughborough and Coalville transfer stations to generate income;
- (iv) Item S64 – Review of Recycling and Household Waste Site (RHWS) provision - Concern was expressed that further reductions in opening hours of Recycling and Household Waste sites might lead to an increase in fly tipping;

Capital Programme

- (v) The Committee was advised that the Capital Programme did not include potential road schemes which might be put forward by the Leicester and Leicestershire Economic Partnership. The Department would also continue to explore opportunities for government grants and external funding to supplement the Capital Programme.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report and information now provided be noted;
- (b) That the comments now made be forwarded to the Scrutiny Commission for consideration at its meeting on 29 January 2014.

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**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 22
JANUARY 2013**

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/15 TO 2017/18

MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Health and Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on the proposed 2014/15 to 2017/18 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as it related to the Public Health Department. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 8' is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed Mr E F White CC, Cabinet Lead Member for Health, to the meeting for this item.

Arising from discussion the following points were raised:-

Overall Context

- (i) The Committee was pleased to note that funding for the Public Health Department came from a ring-fenced grant from the Department of Health. A two year settlement had been agreed when Public Health had been transferred into the County Council. This settlement represented an increased level of funding compared with previous years.

Service Transformation

- (ii) Efficiency savings for the Department would be identified through the re-procurement and re-design of services. Members suggested that it was important to ensure that the tender process was attractive to a wide range of providers. It was acknowledged that there were corporate guidelines for procurement, however, where possible the Public Health Department would look to develop the market and achieve value for money and innovation through the tender process.
- (iii) When recommissioning services, it was important to ensure stability as well as innovation. This was assessed through questions about the size, experience and financial stability of the organisations submitting tenders. The Corporate Resources Department had supported Public Health in this process.
- (iv) It was essential for Public Health services to be integrated with other parts of the local health and social care economy and help to manage

the demands on the system. Locally, this work was being driven by the development of the Better Care Fund and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, a pooled budget to support integration across health and social care services. The Public Health Department already had a good track record of working with other County Council departments to develop integrated services and would play its part in delivering the Better Care Fund plan.

Efficiency Savings

- (v) Item S39, Expenditure managed by Public Health absorbed into the ring-fenced budget – It was acknowledged that it was misleading to label this item as an efficiency saving when it referred to the transfer of budgets from other County Council departments. The services which had been absorbed into the Public Health Department were services such as Teenage Pregnancy, previously part of the Children and Young People's Service and Sport and Physical Activity, previously part of the Chief Executive's Department. These services were already part of the Public Health Department so it was now logical for the budget to be transferred.
- (vi) Item S40, Preventative expenditure to be identified and absorbed into the ring-fenced budget – Members supported the intention to embed public health and prevention into services across the County Council. An example where this had already happened was the third Local Transport Plan for Leicestershire. This included a number of public health initiatives such as cycleways and footpaths to promote healthy living. It was felt that every major plan produced by the County Council should be checked to ensure it supported the Council's public health priorities.

Revenue Budget

- (vii) Expenditure on Public Health would be met entirely from income. This had been made possible through the recent increase in funding from the Department of Health by way of ring-fenced grant.
- (viii) The County Council did not receive any income from the sports and physical activity service it commissioned. Any income generated by District Councils as providers of the service stayed within District Council budgets. It was suggested that sport and physical activity could be a topic for consideration at a future meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (ix) Nationally, concerns had been raised that sexual health services commissioned by Local Authorities were fragmented. The Committee was assured that the new service in Leicestershire was integrated. The procurement had included a requirement that the HIV service was linked to the development of the new integrated sexual health service.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed 2014/15 to 2017/18 Medium Term Financial Strategy as it relates to the Public Health Department be noted;
- (b) That the comments made at this meeting be forwarded to the Scrutiny Commission for consideration at its meeting on 29 January 2014.

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