



Community & Civic Resources Committee

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Community & Civic Resources Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: Tuesday, 9 June 2009

Time: Immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Chairman: Councillor Nash
The Town Mayor (Councillor Leighton)

Councillors:	Beinhorn	Mrs Burton	East
	Evans	Gagen	Smith
	Mrs Taylor	C S Winchcombe	

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Community and Civic Resources Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2009, which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and the Council for this item of business has allocated a maximum period of 20 minutes

5. REPORT FOR DECISION – REPRESENTATIVE ON AREA BOARD

Recommendation

That the Committee appoint a Town Council representative on the new Wiltshire Council Area Board.

Purpose of the Report

To agree the appointment of a Town Council representative on the new Wiltshire Council Area Board.

Background

A letter has recently been received from the Senior Democratic Services Officer of Wiltshire Council requesting that the Town Council appoint one elected representative to attend Area Board Meetings, attached (Doc 5/1). The representative will provide a link between the Area Board and the Town Council.

Options Considered

To decide whether the Town Council would wish to have a representative on the Wiltshire Council Area Board.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Officers are not aware of any legal implications.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk implications

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any risk implications associated with this decision.

6. REPORT FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCILS STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Recommendation

That the committee considers the letter received from Wiltshire Council asking if the Town Council wishes to submit its views on what should be included within the authorities new Statement of Community Involvement.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if the Town Council wishes to put forward suggestions for Wiltshire Council's new Statement of Community Involvement.

Background

With the formation of the new unitary council for Wiltshire, the new authority is required draw up a new Statement of Community Involvement. The Statement of Community involvement details how the Council will engage with interest groups and members of the public when undertaking planning consultation.

In a letter from Wiltshire Council(Doc 6/1), it is explained that it is developing a new spatial strategy which will determine how Wiltshire will grow over the next 20 years. This document will then be consulted on; however, the framework for this consultation needs to be determined.

To aid members, officers have attached a copy of the former district council's statement (Doc 6/2-5).

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide what, if any, observations they wish to make.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications associated with the decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Town Council is acting as a consultee in this matter.

Environmental Implications

Offices are not aware of any environmental implications associates with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Offices are not aware of any risk implications associates with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998

7. REPORT FOR DECISION – INFORMATION ABOUT DEVIZES CASTLE

Recommendation

That this Council encourages the erection of a display board by others depicting the history of Devizes Castles, but also informing the public that it is not open to the public.

Purpose of the Report

To consider a request put forward by Councillor C S Winchcombe to ask other organisations to investigate the installation of an information board about the Devizes Castle.

Background

The item has been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor CS Winchcombe. It is Councillor Winchcombe view that many people are misled that they can view the Castle as its image forms such an important part of the towns branding, being used on various items tourist literature.

Councillor Winchcombe wishes that the committee considers asking either Wiltshire Council's Tourism department or a groups such as the Trust for Devizes to investigate the practicalities of installing a information panel at the bottom of Castle Lane to give information about the castle as well as clearly stating that it is in private ownership and that there is no public access.

Options Considered

The Committee need to decide if they support this view put forward by Councillor Winchcombe

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

It is unclear at this time what if any financial implication there will be associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Section 144 of the 1972 Local Government act provided the Council with the power to promote tourism.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk implications associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider Under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

8. REPORT FOR DECISION –PERFORMANCE MANGEMENT

Recommendation

That the committee note the performance indicators for this committee for financial year 2008-09.

Purpose of the Report

To appraise the committing of how the Council performed against agreed targets which come within the remit if this committee.

Background

Attached to this report is a summery of performances and where appropriate, to short narrative to set the results into perspective. (Doc 8/1-4)

It should be noted that the Council did not organise a public consultation day during 2008 and therefore there are no results for some of the indicators. Officers are planning a consultation day for 2009, which is likely to be on a Thursday in July.

Options Considered

The committee needs to adopt this results and decide if they have any comments they wish to make to officers about how they can influence the figures.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial implications attached to the agenda item

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Monitoring Performance management should be seen a good governance for council

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications attached to the agenda item

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk implications attached to the agenda item

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

9. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Sergeants Andy Peach and Ian Thomas from Wiltshire Police will be attending the meeting to up date members on issues effecting the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

Should members have any specific question, it is asked that they forward them to officers as soon a possible in order to give the police an opportunity to prepare a full response.

10. QUESTION TIME

Members will be allowed a short period in which to put questions on matters within the remit of this Committee, which are not contained in the reports of matters formally, considered by the Committee at this meeting. The question may be answered at the meeting or may be referred back to the Committee at a later date. The question may not be the subject of any further details.

TOWN CLERK