



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

5 March 2008

Present: Councillors Morphew (Chair), Ferris (Vice Chair), Blakeway, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Morrey and Westmacott

Apologies: Councillor Waters

Also Present: Councillor Ramsay

1. PUBLIC QUESTION

Appointing Resident Representative to Community Engagement Staff Recruitment Panel

Geoff Lowe asked if Executive would agree to the appointment of resident representatives to any recruitment panel for the new Community Engagement staff.

The Executive Member for Community and Neighbourhoods replied that in principle, the Executive agreed that there should be community involvement within the recruitment process for the proposed Community Engagement team. It should be noted however that this was a proposal which was still at consultation stage and it was not possible to give any more than a hypothetical answer about recruitment at this time.

If consultation on the development of a Community Engagement Team was favourable consideration would be given to drawing together a wider cross section of community representatives, probably eight to ten people, from variety of community groups across Norwich to form a small community panel to support the recruitment process. There would of course be a need for this to be discussed with Human Resources to ensure that any proposals for community involvement in the recruitment process complied with the Council's existing recruitment and selection policies and procedures.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Both Councillors Morphew and Brociek-Coulton declared a prejudicial interest in Item 6 - Grants to the Voluntary and Not for Profit Sectors.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2008.

4. RESPONSE TO NORFOLK PCT CONSULTATION ON ITS 'PROPOSED VISION AND PRIORITIES 2008-2011'

The Project Manager of Transformation presented the report and answered member's questions.

During discussion members expressed concern that the document made no mention of deprivation or access to health care for migrants and given the Council's aspirations of working with partners, there was no reference to the role of the Local Strategic Partnership and the document had very little relevance to Norwich.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed response as set out in Appendix B of the report.

5. THE PROVISION OF A DROP IN FACILITY IN MILE CROSS

The Strategic Property Manager presented the report and answered member's questions.

Members welcomed the community involvement in this multi agency facility and the effective use of resources. They gave recognition to the work Lovells had undertaken with the refurbishment of the interior of the building. A member referred to the Norfolk Constabulary's comments in the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel newsletter.

RESOLVED to approve the use of the shop for an initial 12 month period for this purpose at nil rent

6. GRANT AWARDS TO THE VOLUNTARY AND NOT FOR PROFIT SECTORS

(Councillors Morpew and Brociek-Coulton having previously declared a prejudicial interest in this item and withdrew whilst it was considered)

The Head of Communications and Cultural Services presented the report and answered questions.

RESOLVED to award grants totalling £154, 646 for the financial year 2008/2009, as follows:-

- (1) £2,000 to Common Purpose, Norwich and that Common Purpose move to a three year funding agreement;
- (2) £5,665 Creative Arts East for one year and subject to further discussion about the future plans of the organisation
- (3) £3,000 to the Inspire Science Centre and that Inspire move to a three year funding agreement
- (4) £6,500 to NEAD and that NEAD move to a three year funding agreement

- (5) £1,500 to Norwich Access Group and Norwich Access Group move to a three year funding agreement.
- (6) £10,000 to NCLS and that NCLS move to a three year grant funding agreement.
- (7) £41,000 to Norwich Art Centre and that Norwich Art Centre move to a three year grant funding agreement
- (8) £3,000 to Aurora and that Aurora move to a three year funding agreement.
- (9) £4,000 to Norwich Rape Crises and that Norwich Rape Crises move to a three year funding agreement.
- (10) £1,500 to Norwich Shopmobility and that Norwich Shopmobility move to a three year Grant Funding Agreement;
- (11) £40,481 to NNVS and that NNVS move to a three year funding agreement.
- (12) £1,000 to Warehouse artists.
- (13) £10,000 to Norwich in Bloom and that Norwich in Bloom move to a three year funding agreement.
- (14) To award the SOS Bus a one off grant of £10,000, plus a further £10,000 subject to matched funding. (from the 2007/2008 budget)
- (15) To set aside £5,000 transitional funding for Norwich Puppet Theatre if required. (from the 2007/2008 budget)

7. SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS AND STANDING ORDERS

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report and responded to members' questions. He reported the comments made by the Constitution Working Party at their meeting on 26 February 2008.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) approve the revised Scheme of Delegation (Appendix 8) subject to the reference to 'domestic waste' being amended to 'household waste' and recommended them for approval to Council;
- (2) recommend the Council to delegate powers to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to update the Scheme of Delegations to Officers to incorporate future changes to the Council's management structure;
- (3) note the revised Financial Regulations (Appendix 10) and Contract Standing Orders (Appendix 11) and recommend them for approval to Council;
- (4) review the Scheme of Delegations to Officers every three years.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Item 9 below on the grounds contained in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***9. VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY (PARAGRAPH 1)**

RESOLVED, having considered the report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources, to approve the payment relating to the redundancy of the employee affected.

CHAIR