

# Council



**Forest Heath**  
District Council

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Council** held on  
**Wednesday 26 April 2017** at **6.00 pm** at the **Council Chamber, District**  
**Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall IP28 7EY**

Present: **Councillors**

**Chairman** Carol Lynch

**Vice Chairman** Michael Anderson

Ruth Allen	Victor Lukaniuk
Andrew Appleby	Christine Mason
John Bloodworth	Robin Millar
David Bowman	David Palmer
Ruth Bowman J.P.	Peter Ridgwell
Rona Burt	Nigel Roman
Louis Busuttil	Reg Silvester
Andy Drummond	Lance Stanbury
Stephen Edwards	James Waters
Brian Harvey	

## 213. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2017 were accepted as an accurate record, with 20 voting for the motion and with 1 abstention, and were signed by the Chairman, subject to Councillor Victor Lukaniuk's name being amended to read in full.

The Chairman drew attention to Minute No. 209 (Community Governance Review) and reminded all present of the ongoing consultation period in respect of this item.

(Councillor James Waters joined the meeting at 6.03pm during the preliminary discussion of this item and prior to the voting thereon.)

## 214. **Chairman's Announcements (Report No: COU/FH/17/008)**

On commencement of her announcements the Chairman formally introduced and welcomed three recently appointed new Officers to the organisation, who were present:

- Leah Mickleborough, Democratic Services Manager and Monitoring Officer
- Mark Miller, Strategic Communications Manager
- Julie Baird, Assistant Director for Growth

The Chairman then drew attention to the USAFE Civic Leaders Tour listed in her itinerary (as set out in Report No: COU/FH/17/008) against 23 March 2017 and remarked on how worthwhile and interesting she had found this event.

Members were further advised that the Chairman had also attended RAF Lakenheath on 24 April 2017 in order to view an example of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft which were to be stationed at the air base from 2021.

With the consent of the Chairman, the Leader invited Councillor Andy Drummond, in his capacity as Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture, to inform the meeting of a future national event taking place within the District.

Councillor Dummond was pleased to advise that it had been publically announced that Newmarket and Aldeburgh would host the Suffolk stage of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, commencing on Friday 8 September 2017. Stage Six of Britain's premier road cycling race would take place entirely within Suffolk, a first for the county, heading east from Newmarket to the finish in the centre of Aldeburgh.

The Cabinet Member explained what a great news story this was for Forest Heath, with the route passing through many other areas of the District including Mildenhall.

The report was noted.

#### **215. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Barker, Simon Cole, Louise Marston and Bill Sadler.

Councillors Roger Dicker and Colin Noble were also unable to attend the meeting.

#### **216. Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

#### **217. The Leader's Report (Report No: COU/FH/17/009)**

The Leader presented his statement to the meeting, as set out in Report No: COU/FH/17/009.

The Chairman welcomed the Leader back after his bout of ill health on behalf of the whole Council. The Leader thanked all for the support and well wishes, and assured the meeting that he was now fighting fit.

The report was noted.

#### **218. Public Participation**

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

219. **Referrals Report of Recommendations from Cabinet (Report No: COU/FH/17/010)**

The Council considered the referrals report of recommendations from Cabinet as set out in Report No: COU/FH/17/010:

1. Core Strategy Single Issue Review (CS SIR) and Site Allocations Local Plan (SALP) – Next Steps  
(Cabinet: 4 April 2017)

Councillor Lance Stanbury, Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth, explained that the recommendation seeking approval was purely procedural practice in respect of the Council's ongoing Local Plan process.

On the motion of the Cabinet Member, seconded by Councillor David Bowman and with the vote being unanimous, it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the Planning Inspector be requested to make any necessary main modifications under Section 20 (7c) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchases Act that he/she judges necessary, to make all submitted Local Plan documents 'sound'.

2. Development of a New Partnership Agreement with Abbeycroft Leisure  
(Cabinet: 4 April 2017)

Councillor Andy Drummond, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture, made reference to the Cabinet report which had been attached to the Council agenda for reference (Report No: CAB/FH/17/017) and spoke on the successes of the partnership and its future aims.

Council were also advised that Abbeycroft Leisure would be leading on the Council's involvement in the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, as made reference to earlier in the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Cabinet Member and Officers for the work that went into the development of the new Partnership Agreement.

On the motion of the Cabinet Member, seconded by Councillor David Bowman, and with the vote being unanimous, it was

**RESOLVED:**

That:-

1. A new Partnership Agreement be entered into with Abbeycroft Leisure Ltd for a period of 15 years, with options to extend for 5 + 5 years, subject to the protections included in the Partnership Agreement; and

2. The Partnership Agreement be finalised in line with Report No: CAB/FH/17/017 and the Head of Terms attached at Appendix 1, subject to the inclusion of an additional indicator within the Performance Management Framework to measure the increase in participation at community events, run by other partners, but support by Abbeycroft Leisure Ltd.

**220. Questions to Chairmen of other Committees**

There were no questions to Chairmen of other Committees.

**221. Urgent Questions on Notice**

There were no urgent questions on notice.

The meeting concluded at 6.15 pm

**Signed by:**

**Chairman**

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