



Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Meeting held at the Council Chamber -
Town Hall on 28 January 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Murphy	Chairman
Cllr Peach	Leader of the Council
George Herriott	Orton Longueville Parish Council
Bernard Champness	Bretton Parish Council
Denis Batty	Glington Parish Council
Di Parkin	Eye Parish Council
Jane Mann	Castor Parish Council
Eillean Stanley	Ailsworth Parish Council
Roy Pettitt	Peakirk Parish Council
Freida Gosling	Ufford Parish Council
Marion Browne	Ufford Parish Council
Dale McKean	Eye Parish Council
Martin Greaves	Werrington Neighbourhood Council
David Buddle	Thorney Parish Council
Pat Murphy	Thorney Parish Council
Geoff Smith	Werrington Neighbourhood Council
Dan Rose	Sutton Parish Council
David Hedges	Werrington Neighbourhood Council
Peter Lee	Sutton Parish Council

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Paul Phillipson	Executive Director – Operations
John Harrison	Executive Director – Strategic Resources
Helen Edwards	Solicitor to Council
Martin Whelan	Senior Governance Officer

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Southorpe Parish Council (Nick Lodge); Cllr Winslade; Cllr Allen; Bainton and Ashton Parish Council (Andrew Totten); Bretton Parish Council (Sabrina Lawson) and Thorney Parish Council (Conrad Evans).

2. Minutes of the meeting held 1st October 2008

The minutes of the meeting held 1st October 2008 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Medium Term Financial Strategy

The meeting received a report on the budget proposals from the Executive Director – Strategic Resources.

- Clarification was sought on whether the budget contained provision for Parish Councils to receive support towards the cost of equipment required to manage the transition from paper to electronic management of plans. Officers agreed to respond to Eye Parish Council directly.
- Helpston Parish Councils asked whether the 2.5% included the Police, Fire and Parish precepts. The Director confirmed that the 2.5 % was just the City Council increase, but that the additional increases were unlikely to result in the overall figure exceeding 3%.
- Werrington Neighbourhood Council asked how much contingency was built into the budget and whether this was sufficient in the event of a significant downturn. The Director outlined the statutory obligations on the S151 Officer (Finance Director) and confirmed that a number of scenarios had been considered.
- A representative of Glinton Parish Council asked about the prioritisation of services, and whether there was a single list of services which may be withdrawn in the event of a worsening budget situation. Officers confirmed that a list wasn't maintained and any decision would be taken in year on a case by case basis.

4. Question Time

The following questions were asked

1. Will the S106 session be repeated? Officers confirmed that the evening session planned for 8th January was in the process of being re-organised, and that Clerks would be contacted at the appropriate occasion.
2. Clarification was sought on the end time for the consultation on the site specific proposals. Officers agreed to provide a detailed response to Clerks.
3. Members asked about the recent press reports about recycling going to landfill. The Chairman confirmed that no recycling was currently to land fill.
4. Eye Parish Council requested an update on the "highways" strategy. The Chairman agreed in principle for the item to form part of the agenda for the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN
18.30 – 18.57