

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 6th March 2007 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham commencing at 10.00am.

Present: Councillor C. O’Gorman, Leader in the Chair

Councillors H. M. Dixon, D. J. E. Evans, R. J. Henning, O. J. Thomas and S. R. Walls

Non-Executive Councillors Present:

Councillors A. M. Bucknell, A. S. R. Jackson, S. D. Meadows, N. M. Phillips, J. M. Read, T. R. Sturgis, R. L. Tonge, A. J. Trotman and J. Webb

Officers Present:

L. Bell (Strategic Manager - Community and Environment), D. Burbidge (Chief Executive), N. Fenwick (Strategic Manager - Customer Services), P. Jeremiah (Legal Services Team Leader), P. Langcaster (Press and Media Officer), C. Major (Senior Parking Officer), L. May (Policy and Democratic Services Assistant), P. Timmins (Interim Section 151 Officer), G. Wilson (Customer and Business Support Team Leader), and S. Wright (Policy and Democratic Services Officer)

E191. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. K. Doubell and G. Offord.

E192. Declarations of Interest

None.

E193. Leader’s Announcements

None.

E194. Pay and Display Parking Charges

Consideration was given to Report No. 4 (circulated with the Agenda) which sought approval to implement changes to the Pay and Display charges within North Wiltshire owned car parks as from 2nd April 2007, to give effect to the budgetary requirement approved by Council on 22nd February 2007.

Consideration was also given to the following:



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- A revised Appendix 1 (Schedule of Off Street Car Parking Charges) which had been amended by the Car Parking Working Group at their meeting on 5th March 2007;
- A letter of representation from Corsham Town Council dated 1st March 2007; and
- A letter from Corsham Chamber of Commerce dated 5th March 2007.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The revisions to the Schedule of Off Street Car Parking Charges that were recommended by the Car Parking Working Group;
- The need for consultation on the proposed charges in respect of the car parks at Newlands Road, Corsham and Borough Fields in Wootton Bassett under the terms of management agreements applicable to each of these car parks and that the results of this consultation would be reported at the meeting of the Executive to be held on 15th March 2007;
- That the car parking strategy for Malmesbury should be considered at a future meeting of the Car Parking Working Group in order to attempt to address the concerns about parking in Malmesbury;
- The ways in which the changes to the charges would be notified to the public;
- The views of Corsham Town Council and the Corsham Chamber of Commerce; and
- The possibility of exploring all available land owned by the Council to provide further car parking provision in North Wiltshire, and, in particular, Calne.

Resolved that

- 1) That the charges outlined in the **revised Appendix 1 (attached to these Minutes)** are advertised and implemented as from 2nd April 2007 with the exception of the proposed charges for the Newlands Road Car Park, Corsham and Borough Fields Car Park, Wootton Bassett which are adopted for consultation as required under the terms of the management agreements applicable to each car park.
- 2) In accordance with the Council's Constitution the Executive consider this decision to be urgent, and not subject to call in, as any delay caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council's and public's interest.

E195. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of The Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following item of business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act as follows and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

Agenda item/Report name	Paragraph(s) of the Act / Schedule describing the exemption
Item 6 – Leisure Provision in Calne and Cricklade	Paragraph 3

E196. Leisure Provision in Calne and Cricklade

Consideration was given to Report No.6 (circulated at the meeting) which gave details of the community recovery plan to continue to operate the Leisure Centre in Cricklade and to note that negotiations are continuing with regard to operating Calne Leisure Centre from 1st April 2007.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The sequence of events that have occurred since the last meeting;
- That the proposed release of £60,000 would be made subject to an agreement that the lease to the leisure centre would be surrendered should the centre continue not to be financially viable;
- It was understood that voluntary labour would be used particularly in the start up process;
- The legal status of the Keep Leisure in Cricklade Group (KLIC)
- Concerns over staffing issues of the Centre; and
- The level of support of the residents of Cricklade and the pledges already given.

Resolved that the Executive agree:

1. To the release of £60,000 to the Cricklade Community Association subject to the provision of additional information required by the Legal Services Team Leader and to the tenant agreeing to surrender the lease to the Council on terms to be agreed by the Legal Services Team Leader should the centre continue to be financially non-viable.

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2. That leisure staff (former NWLL employees), who are currently employed by the Council, are given the option to transfer to the Cricklade Community Association on their existing terms and conditions of employment, under TUPE regulations, as appropriate.
3. That the Council underwrites the redundancy costs (based on the Leisure Centre redundancy agreement) should staff who TUPE to the Cricklade Community Association be made redundant as a consequence of the centre ceasing to be financially viable within 12 months from 1st April 2007.
4. That in accordance with the Council's Constitution the Executive considers these decisions to be urgent, and not subject to call in, as any delay caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest.
5. To note that negotiations are continuing with regard to the White Horse Leisure Centre in Calne and that a report will be submitted to the Executive on 15th March 2007.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 11.15am.

There was 1 member of the public present.