

# POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Date:** 8 May 2013

**Venue:** East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillors:-

**Glenvil Greenwood-Smith (Vice-Chairman)**  
**Steven North (Leader of the Council)**

**Peter Baden**  
**John Farrar**  
**Roger Glithero JP**  
**Glenn Harwood MBE**  
**Marika Hillson**

**Sue Homer**  
**Dudley Hughes JP**  
**Andy Mercer**  
**Rupert Reichhold**  
**Jeremy Taylor**

## 517. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Further to Minute 479, the Chief Executive provided an update to the meeting to state that the expected date for Northamptonshire County Council to transfer its legal service to LGSS had been delayed to 1 June 2013. A decision on legal services for ENC would be taken in conjunction with the Leader of the Council to ensure continuity of the service.

## 518. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors David Brackenbury, Wendy Brackenbury and the Chairman, Richard Lewis

## 519. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

<b>Councillor/Officer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>DPI</b>	<b>Other Interest</b>
Councillor Marika Hillson	Item 6 – East Northamptonshire Community Safety Plan 2013 to 2014	Previously raised money for The Sunflower Centre		Yes
David Oliver, Chief Executive	Item 8b – Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes	Cost of Living Payrise; Returning Officer Fees and Expenses	Yes	
All officers present	Item 8b – Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes	Cost of Living Payrise	Yes	

David Pope, Member Services Officer	Item 8b – Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes	Cost of Living Payrise; Democratic & Electoral Services: Revised Structure	Yes
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## **520. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3**

There were no questions received.

## **521. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID COMPENSATION SCHEME**

The Committee received a report from the Finance Manager which sought to set out the process for compensation claims received by ENC as a result of the Community Right to Bid (CRtB) Policy and process.

Members were advised that ENC would receive two New Burdens payments of £7,855 to cover each of the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15. These payments would assist in funding the compensation scheme. It was noted however, that ENC was liable to fund compensation payments of up to £20k in any financial year.

The Committee heard that independent members would be in place at each stage of any review requests; at Stage One the Chief Finance Officer and the Chairman of Finance Sub-Committee (or Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is unavailable) would undertake reviews. A Stage Two review would involve a member of the Corporate Management Team (CMT) and a Councillor not previously involved in the process. The final stage would be for the claimant to appeal to Community Right to Bid Appeal at HM Courts and Tribunals.

Members requested to know whether there were any nascent requests for CRtB listing within the district. The Executive Director advised that she was unaware of any forthcoming requests, but one request in the district had already been granted. It was important therefore that a compensation policy was agreed in case there was a future claim.

### **RESOLVED:**

The Committee approved the updated Community Right to Bid Policy with details of the proposed compensation scheme.

## **522. EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2013 TO 2014**

Members received a report from the Community Partnerships Manager which sought the adoption of the East Northamptonshire Community Safety Plan 2013 to 2014.

The Committee noted that the East Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) was required to produce and implement an annual Community Safety Plan detailing how crime and disorder would be reduced across the district.

The plan covering 2013-14, was in line with the Police Crime Commissioner's priorities and the CSP would be monitoring the delivery progress of the plan. The three priorities for East Northamptonshire were:-

- Anti-social behaviour; including youth related crime
- Acquisitive crime; including metal and cable theft and theft of bicycles

- Violent crime; tackling alcohol-related crime and domestic violence.

Members were advised that there were no direct financial implications, although ENC did provide a revenue budget of £1000 to support activities contributing to the achievement of targets. The CSP was also successful in accessing funding from CSP partners.

**RESOLVED:**

That the East Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2013 to 2014 be adopted.

**523. HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND NHS REFORMS**

The Committee received a report from the Head of Environmental Services which sought to highlight how the introduction of a new public health service in England would affect East Northamptonshire.

Members heard that with effect from April 2013, the lead for public health would rest with local government rather than the Primary Care Trust. In Northamptonshire the responsibility would lie primarily with the County Council and be led by Dr Akeem Ali, the Interim Director of Health.

Joint health and wellbeing strategies would be devised by local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), working together through Health and Wellbeing Boards. The Health and Wellbeing Board for Northamptonshire formerly had District and Borough Council representation in the form of officers from Housing and Environmental Health; however this was no longer the case, leaving Borough and District councils with no direct input. This subject had previously been covered by a member briefing.

The Committee were advised that Nene CCG had appointed a locality manager for East Northamptonshire who was undertaking work with ENC officers in the creation of a locality forum which would feed into the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Members registered their disappointment in not having housing and public health elements of District Councils represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board given their proven impact on the wider determinants of health. It was considered that ENC ought to press for concessions to allow the Heads of Service for these departments to be consulted on major papers, and to have the opportunity to contribute to reports themselves. The Committee also considered that the existing structure of the Health and Wellbeing Forum limited the powers and executive functions available to it.

The Committee wished to put on record their dissatisfaction at the current situation with the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Committee strongly felt that positive changes to the make-up of the board were required in future, as the impact caused by not having housing and public health representation would remain. Members concluded by stating their dissatisfaction that the board had been set up to the detriment of residents of East Northamptonshire.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That the contents of the report be noted
- ii) That the Committee wished to make representation to the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the issue of ENC representation within the new public

health arrangements. A summation of comments made during the meeting would form the basis of the representation

**524. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business because exempt information, as defined under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, may be disclosed.

**525. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PARTIES**

**(a) Leisure Contracts Working Group**

The Chairman of the Leisure Contracts Working Group attended the meeting and provided the Committee with a brief synopsis of the meeting held on 5 April 2013. He answered a number of queries raised by Members.

The intention to alter the date Leisure Contracts Working Group meetings were held, to the third Friday of the month, would be discussed at the next meeting of the working group on 11 May 2013.

The minutes were then approved.

**(b) Personnel Sub-Committee**

Members considered the minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 23 April 2013. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee responded to a number of queries raised regarding the contents of the minutes.

The Chief Executive left the room before discussion on the Returning Officer Fees paper.

The minutes were then approved.

**Chairman**