



District Regeneration Working Party

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 5 June 2014
at 2pm in The Kasen Room (formerly CHG2)

Present:

Councillors:	Councillor Steven North (Chair)	Cllr SN
	Councillor Glenn Harwood	Cllr GH
	Councillor Roger Glithero	Cllr RG
	Councillor Richard Lewis	Cllr RL
Officers:	David Oliver, Chief Executive	DO
	Lisa Hyde, Head of Customer & Community Services	LJH
	Katy Everitt, Head of Resources & Organisational Development	KE

Additional Attendees – for item 4 only

Mike Greenway, Community Partnerships Manager	MG
Sean Silver, Community Partnerships Officer	SS
Su Davies, External Funding Manager	SD
Jenny Walker, Environmental Protection Manager (deputy for Mike Deacon)	JW
Minutes: Sharon Prior, Executive Support Officer	SP

ACTION

1. **Apologies**

1.1. Apologies had been received from:-

- Councillor David Brackenbury
- Sharn Matthews, Executive Director
- Mike Deacon, Head of Environmental Services
- David Reed, Head of Planning Services
- Glenn Hammons, Chief Finance Officer
- Kelly Watson, Finance Manager

2. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 27 February 2014 and matters arising**

Matters arising

2.1. **Minute 5.2 – Superfast Broadband**

DO confirmed BDUK had been successful in obtaining additional funding to complete the Broadband project. Their bid requested £3.8m, but they had received £5.5m. DO noted that this meant that our contribution of £300,000, as agreed at the previous meeting, was likely to attract further broadband coverage for the district. DO then advised the funding agreement was expected from NCC for signature, to confirm our £300,000 contribution; this document would be discussed with the Leader prior to signature.

**DO/Cllr S North
(Leader)**

- 2.2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 February 2014 were agreed as a true record. These minutes had been approved by the Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting held on 10 March 2014.

SP

3. **Growth Peer Challenge**

- 3.1. DO presented his covering report together with the Peer Challenge report from the LGA (Appendix 1), which DRWP noted. An Action Plan, included at Appendix 2, listed the recommendations contained within the Peer Challenge report and subsequent actions required to progress those recommendations.
- 3.2. The Working Party reviewed the Action Plan in detail and noted their comments and amendments. DO agreed to revise the Action Plan and agree the final version with the Leader. The Peer Challenge report and Action Plan would be published on the Council's website in due course.

DO/SP

DO left the meeting at 3pm.

MGreenway, SSilver, SDavies and JWalker joined the meeting at 3.05pm.

4. **Community Facilities Fund 2014/15 – to consider Expressions of Interest (Eols)**

- 4.1. Cllr SN initially presented the item outlining the good response received in the first year, and the number of projects that received funding that will make a hands-on difference to communities. The funding available for this year was noted as £219,000.
- 4.2. LJH outlined the process prepared by the Community Partnerships Team to review the Expressions of Interest (Eols) – 32 in total – received for the second round of the Community Facilities Fund (2014/15), which the meeting noted.
- 4.3. Members considered the bids received, and noted their comments on the proposals put forward. The following bids were rejected, as Members felt they did not meet the criteria – projects numbered 17, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32. Members then **recommended** to progress to the full bid stage for all those projects scoring a total of 4 or 5, at total cost of £520,130. LJH/MG/SS to contact those groups whose bids scored 4 or 5 to progress their projects to the full bid stage. These bids would then be discussed at the next meeting of the Working Party, scheduled for August 2014.
- 4.4. Following the recommendation made above in 4.3, LJH/MG/SS would contact those groups who had been unsuccessful.

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5. **Any Other Business**

- 5.1. No further items were raised.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

- 6.1. The Working Party agreed to hold the next meeting in August 2014; SP to finalise date with Members and Officers.

SP

The meeting closed at 3.54pm.

DO/SP 19.6.14

Minutes approved by the Chair of the Working Party – 25.6.14