

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: 02 September 2019

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Richard Lewis (Chairman)
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith (Vice Chairman)
David Jenney (Deputy Leader of the Council)

Tony Boto Roger Glithero JP
David Brackenbury Sarah Peacock
Wendy Brackenbury Phillip Stearn

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Val Carter and Steven North.

162. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

164. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

No questions were submitted under Procedure Rule 10.3.

165. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

a) Personnel Sub-Committee – 15 July 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 15 July 2019 were received (see pages 206 to 208).

Interim Director of Growth and Infrastructure

R.4 RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:

That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader and Chairman of the Personnel Sub-committee following a paper to Personnel Sub-Committee, to approve a process for the recruitment and appointment of an Interim Director of Growth and Infrastructure, if required.

b) Finance and Performance Sub-Committee – 15 July 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Performance Sub-Committee held on 15 July 2019 were received (see pages 209 to 210).

c) Personnel Sub-Committee – 19 August 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 19 August 2019 were received (see pages 211 to 213).

166. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICY

The Assistant Finance Manager presented a report which sought approval for an updated Anti-Money Laundering Policy.

The Council's Anti-Money Laundering Policy was first issued in July 2015 and had now been reviewed and updated to reflect the new legislation of The Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017. There were no changes to the Council's obligations arising from the new legislation. The updated Policy enabled the Council to meet its legal obligations in a proportionate manner that recognised that there was only a low risk of the Council contravening the legislation.

RESOLVED:

That the Anti-Money Laundering Policy be adopted, subject to the identified minor amendments being made.

(Reason: To ensure the Council is following best practice to prevent money laundering in all of its dealings and relationships.)

167. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY - CONSULTATION

The Health Protection Manager presented a report which sought approval of the commencement of a six week period of consultation on the revised Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Act 2003 required each Licensing Authority to have a Statement of Licensing Policy which must be reviewed and published at least every five years. The current Statement of Licensing Policy was a county wide document which was now due for review. The review was being led by ENC and Kettering Borough Council in conjunction with the Northamptonshire Licensing Liaison Group to ensure consistency across the county. There were no significant material changes to the Policy.

The Policy was now required to undergo a six week consultation with statutory consultees, interested parties and the licenced trade. The consultation would begin on 9 September 2019.

RESOLVED:

To approve the draft Statement of Licensing Policy to go out for a six week consultation period.

(Reason: To accord with legislation.)

168. DESTINATION NENE VALLEY - UPDATE

The Head of Economic and Commercial Development and the Tourism Promotions and Development Officer presented a report which updated Members on the Destination Nene Valley Project (DNV) and sought endorsement of the Destination Nene Valley Management and Transition Plans.

Destination Nene Valley was a partnership project which launched in 2012 and aimed to build on existing frameworks to promote the Nene Valley and develop supporting businesses. DNV was facilitated and co-ordinated by East Northamptonshire Council and had a Strategic Board made up of representation from partners including local authorities, the Wildlife Trust, Rockingham Forest Trust, River Nene Regional Park, Natural England and the Environment Agency.

Notable recent achievements included the development of a new website dedicated to promoting the Nene Valley as a visitor destination (nenevalley.net) and securing funding of £28,500 through the Nenescape Landscape Partnership Scheme. East Northamptonshire Council was also the main delivery partner of DNV's Nene Valley Festival which was held during September and which had attracted over 69,000 visitors over the last six years. The Festival continued to grow with funding secured, through the Nenescape Landscape Partnership Scheme, for five years.

The Strategic Board had now produced and approved a Destination Management Plan which outlined the priority strands of work being undertaken with tourism partners. A two year Transition Plan had also been produced to help consolidate and drive forward the position of the visitor economy as part of the move into a new unitary authority in 2020/21.

Members congratulated officers on all of their work put into the development of an excellent Destination Management Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Destination Nene Valley Management and Transition Plans, recently approved by the DNV Board, be endorsed and the work being undertaken by the Board to secure additional investment over the next two years be noted.

(Reason: To facilitate and support a key economic sector so as to improve quality of life for local residents and support economic growth and prosperity.)

Chairman