

SOUTH HAMS COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of the **South Hams Council** held on **Thursday, 28th November, 2019** at **2.00 pm** at the **Council Chamber - Follaton House**

Present: **Councillors:**

Chairman Cllr Rowe
Vice Chairman Cllr Foss

Cllr Abbott
Cllr Baldry
Cllr Birch
Cllr Chown
Cllr Hodgson
Cllr Hopwood
Cllr Long
Cllr Pannell
Cllr Pennington
Cllr Reeve
Cllr Smerdon
Cllr Sweett
Cllr Thomas

Cllr Austen
Cllr Bastone
Cllr Brazil
Cllr Hawkins
Cllr Holway
Cllr Jackson
Cllr May
Cllr Pearce
Cllr Pringle
Cllr Rose
Cllr Spencer
Cllr Taylor

In attendance:

Officers:

Chief Executive

Monitoring Officer

Senior Specialist – Democratic Services

40. **Urgent Business**

The Chairman informed that she had no items of urgent business for consideration at this meeting.

41. **Declarations of Interest**

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting but there were none made.

42. **Polling District and Polling Places Review 2019**

Members considered a report that presented some slight revisions to the Council's Polling Districts and Polling Places Order.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the Polling Districts and Polling Places Order 2019 be approved.

43. **Brixton Neighbourhood Plan**

Members were presented with a report that sought to approve the making (adoption) of the Brixton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

In discussion, reference was made to:-

- (a) congratulations being extended to the Neighbourhood Planning Group. A number of Members wished to put on record their congratulations for the tireless effort and hard work that had been put in by the Neighbourhood Planning Group to reach this point;
- (b) the process of making a Neighbourhood Development Plan. A Member felt that the requirement for the Council to make a Plan was unnecessary and the declaration of the referendum result should be sufficient. In reply, other Members felt that it was appropriate for the Council (in its capacity as the Local Planning Authority) to give its approval since it would sit alongside its own Development Plan(s).

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the Brixton Neighbourhood Development Plan be made.

44. **Appointments: Future IT Platforms Joint SH/WD Member Working Group and Devon Audit Partnership**

Members considered a report that requested Council approval, for the remainder of the 2019/20 Municipal Year, to establish a 'Future IT Platforms' Joint SH/WD Member Working Group and to make appointments to serve on the Devon Audit Partnership Committee.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That, for the remainder of the 2019/20 Municipal Year:

1. the Council establish a 'Future IT Platforms' Joint SH/WD Member Working Group and approve the draft Terms of Reference;
2. Cllrs Brown, Long, McKay, Spencer (Chairman) and Taylor be appointed to serve on the 'Future IT Platforms' Joint SH/WD Member Working Group;
3. the Council be represented on the Devon Audit Partnership Committee and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee be appointed to serve on this Outside Body; and
4. attendance at meetings of these Bodies be regarded as an 'Approved Duty' (for the purposes of Members' Allowances).

45. **Reports of Bodies**

RESOLVED

That the minutes and recommendations of the undermentioned bodies be received and approved subject to any amendments listed below:-

- (a) Salcombe Harbour Board 16 September 2019

SH.13/19: 2020/21 Budget

RESOLVED

That the proposed 2020/21 Salcombe Harbour Authority Budget be approved.

SH.14/19: Proposed Charges 2020-21

RESOLVED

That, with effect from 1 April 2020, the proposed Fees and Charges be approved and implemented.

- (b) Licensing Committee 30 September 2019
- (c) Development Management Committee 9 October 2019
- (d) Overview and Scrutiny Panel 17 October 2019
- (e) Executive 31 October 2019

E.50/19: Budget Update Report for 2020/21 Onwards

RESOLVED

That, with effect from 1 April 2020, the Council Tax Support Grant be withdrawn from Town and Parish Councils by 50% per annum over the next two years.

E.54/19: Langage Update Report

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the use of up to £200,000 to fund (from the Business Rate Reserve) the cost of extending the lease of the starter units from 21 years to 125 years.

(f) Development Management Committee 6 November 2019

The Meeting concluded at 2.25 pm

Signed by:

Chairman
