

GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers, Northway, Rickmansworth, WD3 1RL.

Members of the General Public Services and Economic Development Committee:-

Councillors:

Oliver Cooper
Andrea Fraser
Stephen Giles-Medhurst (Co-Chair)
Joan King
Kevin Raeburn

Paul Rainbow (Co-Chair)
David Raw
Andrew Scarth (Co-Chair)
Jonathan Solomons
Chris Whately-Smith

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
Monday, 11 March 2024*

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public on agenda items at the General Public Services and Economic Development Committee meetings. Details of the procedure are provided below:

For those wishing to speak:

Members of the public are entitled to register and identify which item(s) they wish to speak on from the published agenda for the meeting. Those who wish to register to speak are asked to register on the night of the meeting from 7pm. Please note that contributions will be limited to one person speaking for and one against each item for not more than three minutes.

In the event of registering your interest to speak on an agenda item but not taking up that right because the item is deferred, you will be given the right to speak on that item at the next meeting of the Committee.

Those wishing to observe the meeting are requested to arrive from 7pm.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

(Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm the minutes, as a correct record, of the General Public Services & Economic Development Committee meeting, held on 16 January 2024.

3. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. BUDGET MANAGEMENT - PERIOD 10

(Pages 11 - 24)

This report covers this Committees financial position over the medium term (2023 – 2027) as at Period 10 (end of January).

Recommendation

That Members note and comment on the contents of the report.

6. CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL PROGRAMME AND CONSERVATION SERVICE UPDATE

(Pages 25 - 38)

This report seeks Members' approval for two Conservation Area Appraisals to be completed in the 2024/25 financial year and provides an update on the conservation service currently outsourced to Place Services.

Recommendation

That:

- Members agree to prioritising the preparation of the Rickmansworth Town Centre and Sarratt (Church End) Conservation Area Appraisals in the 2024/25 financial year rather than increasing the number of written conservation comments on planning applications.
- Members note that it is not possible to increase the number of written conservation comments being provided on planning applications without agreeing additional budget to cover this.

7. AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) FOR

(Pages 39 - 58)

HENBURY WAY CAR PARK

This report details the proposed amendment to the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Henbury Way Car Park, South Oxhey, in order to facilitate market trader parking for the proposed South Oxhey market. The opportunity to host a new market was created following the redevelopment of the South Oxhey Central scheme, with the market being operated by Watford Rural Parish Council (WRPC).

The organisation of a new market is considered a vital project for the Parish Council and it is initially planned to take place once a week. WRPC have begun to engage with market operators and at the present time, both Sunday and Thursday have been identified as potentially suitable days. Watford Rural Parish Council are responsible for the organisation and management of the market and a decision on the selected market day will be required from WRPC before the TRO amendments are applied for.

WRPC have also indicated that if the market becomes particularly successful, they would like TRDC to consider in future, an additional market day each week. Such a proposal would be subject to demand and a further Committee approval to vary the TRO again.

Recommendation:

It is hereby requested that:

- i) The Committee approve this recommendation to agree to the variation of the existing Henbury Way car park TRO to allow permit parking for market traders in accordance with this report.

AND

- ii) Authority is delegated to the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Lead Member of Public Services together with relevant Ward Councillors, to implement the required variation to the Traffic Regulation Order and for Officers to make any necessary amendments or variations to the proposal as may be required, including as a result of responses to any consultation; as well as to address or set aside any formal objections to any Notice of Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders in connection with approval of the final TRO variation scheme.

8. PROPOSALS FOR OFF-STREET (CAR PARKS) ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS IMPLEMENTATION

(Pages 59 - 96)

Officers have been exploring opportunities to install Electric Vehicle Charge Points (EVCP) in council owned car parks using external government grants and/or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.

This report provides an update on progress made to date and requires a decision on progressing with implementation of EV. It also highlights a point on which is the best method to fund, deliver and operate EVCPs across the District.

Recommendation

That Members agree to:

- i) Pursue the Electric Vehicle Charge Point proposals for Council car parks utilising the Option 3 Hybrid method and action plan (see point 3.7) but with a final decision on scheme implementation and delivery to be delegated to the Director of Finance in conjunction with the Lead Member to ensure timely project delivery.
- ii) Officers to continue to investigate further proposals for Off Street Electric Vehicle Charging in other Council car parks and liaise with Hertfordshire Highways regarding On Street proposals with any funding opportunities identified.
- iii) The production of a comprehensive Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Three Rivers District Council.

9. OTHER BUSINESS - if approved under item 3 above

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Part II

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

“that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

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