

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 28th January 2005 at the Council Offices, Oxted

County Council Members

- * Mrs Sally Ann B Marks - Chairman
- * Mr Peter Langham - Vice-Chairman

- * Marian Myland
- * Mr Harry Pettifor
- Mrs Elizabeth Sampson
- * Mr N W Skellett

District Council Members

- * Mr Richard Allen
- * Mr A Dalrymple
- * Mr Martin Fisher
- Mr Robin Harling
- * Mr Alan Jones
- * Mr Eric Morgan
- * Peter Longhurst (Subst)

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01/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mrs Elizabeth Sampson and District Councillor Robin Harling. District Councillor Peter Longhurst substituted.

02/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2004 [Item 2]

Agreed.

03/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were none.

04/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]

There were none.

05/05 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]

District Councillor Tony Dalrymple asked if there was any way in which to reduce the size of the agenda and to give more time to consideration of recommendations. It was explained that the Executive is currently reviewing schemes of delegation to make the process more effective and to allow more meeting time for Members to go through the detail and debate issues possibly in private rather in public meetings. In the meantime, specific questions can be routed through the Local Director at any time. Shortening reports would have the unfortunate side-effect of losing information and detail.

06/05 **MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS** [Item 6]

The Committee was asked to consider requests for funding set out in Annex 1 of the report and **AGREED** the following requests:

- **£2,600 for SF&RS Fireboxes for schools**
- **£2,000 for a Flicx Track for Dormansland Cricket Club.**
- **£5,000 towards security improvements for 1st Tatsfield Scouts**

The Committee then discussed the draft protocol at Annex 2 and it was suggested that each applicant should provide a financial statement. However, as this is not always possible, it was decided that this would not be necessary if the information was not immediately available so long as checks were made to ensure a valid audit trail and that applicants represented to bona fide community groups.

The Committee **AGREED** the protocol at Annex 2, subject to the following amendments: That paras 6 and 7 should be reworded for clarity and that para 8 should be deleted. This task was delegated to the Community Support Team in conjunction with the Chairman.

07/05 **ADULTS AND COMMUNITY CARE IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 7]

The Committee received a report detailing the successes and challenges of the service and concluded that it provides an excellent service against a background of budget challenges. It was noted that the statistics for delayed discharge from hospitals were particularly encouraging and the current levels across the county demonstrated a 94% reduction. The Committee also made clear that, while the Members' allocations could be used to support innovative community initiatives, such as the 'Message in a Bottle' scheme, they could not be used to augment mainstream services.

The Committee **NOTED** the key issues and performance of the service and provided feedback and comment and **AGREED** to support the service development while recognising the demographic pressures and increased expectations; and to consider financial support for projects as part of preventive strategies, such as promoting a healthy and active life in older people.

The Chairman congratulated staff on progress under difficult circumstances.

08/05 **CHILDREN'S SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT** [Item 8]

The Committee received a report detailing the pressures and achievements of the service and Members were updated on the integration of education and social care functions; the progress of the assessment team, where completion targets are showing an improvement, vacancies are being filled and staff are providing a wide range of services within budget. The South East Area Partnership is proving to be a valuable vehicle for partnership work. An engagement event is planned for late spring and the Chairman will report back to committee on the outcome as a member of the partnership group.

The Committee **NOTED** the performance of the service countywide, by area and locally; and provided comment and feedback on the operation of the service and the content of the report; and **AGREED** to support the priorities identified by the South East Area Children's Partnership.

09/05 **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 9]

This report sought to update the Committee on the progress of the Youth Development Service for the period April to December 2004 and took into consideration that Members had had the opportunity to engage with the service at a recent workshop. It was noted that the vacancy rate, which had been running at 25%, was now zero and all vacant posts filled. There were significant increases in delivery and attendance. The service is still hopeful of securing premises in Caterham but negotiations have not been finalised. Resources remain an issue in providing a broader service to all young people.

The Committee NOTED the performance and achievements of the Tandridge Youth Development Team and PROVIDED feedback and comment.

10/05 **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY 2005** [Item 10]

The Local Director introduced this report and updated the Committee on its content and purpose. The Committee considered the strategy and commented on the content.

[NOTE: Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.55 am and reconvened at 12.10 pm]
[NOTE: Mr N Skellett left the meeting at 11.55 am]

11/05 **PETITIONS** [Item 11]

There were none.

12/05 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 12]

There was also one informal question in public question time and one written question was received from Mr R Bristow in relation to the proliferation of new bus stops and signs to which the Local Transportation Director (LTD) responded in writing.

13/05 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 13]

There were none.

14/05 **D1388 SALMONS LANE, WHYTELEAFE** [Item 14]

The Committee received a report on road safety in Salmons Lane and the surrounding road network where an experimental Traffic Order prohibiting vehicles from using part of Salmons Lane is due to expire in March 2005. The report sought to give the background to the scheme and to consider the way forward.

The committee **AGREED**:

- a) to allow the experimental traffic order to expire,
- b) to convene a task group of Local Representatives to consider the area wide issues and make recommendations to the Local Committee

[NOTE: District Councillor Eric Morgan rejoined the meeting at 12.25 pm]

15/05 **UPDATE ON LOCAL ALLOCATION 2004/05** [Item 15]

This report sought the Committee's agreement to the final Local Allocation proposal for 2004/05 and made a recommendation to adjust the current allocation to ensure that all funding available for 2004/05 is fully allocated in this financial year.

The Committee **AGREED** to the revised local allocation expenditure detailed in Table 32 of this report.

[NOTE: District Councillor Martin Fisher left the meeting at 12.34 pm]

16/05 **SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR TANDRIDGE** [Item 16]

Addressing traffic speed has been identified as one of the main priorities in the Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Tandridge over the next 5 years. The Local Committee has agreed to allocate around 15% of LTP funds received each year to speed management measures. This report informed Members of the proposed strategy for speed management and gave details of the first roads to be targeted in 2005.

Members thanked Local Transportation Service (LTS) officers and the police on producing a strategy that was responsive to public requests, but also made suggestions and expressed some reservations.

PC Martyn Williamson of the Safety Management Team in Godstone gave his opinion on local priorities and how they were being addressed and agreed to take Members comments back to the division. The Local Transportation Director (LTD) advised of traffic calming solutions under consideration and clarified that, although they do consult locally, the Accident Working Group has delegated powers from the Executive to agree low cost remedials from central budgets. The LTD agreed to report back to the Committee as accident patterns evolve over the next three years.

The Committee **AGREED** the officer's recommendation to give their comments on the content of the report.

17/05 **CATERHAM VALLEY ACCESS AUDIT** [Item 17]

This presentation was deferred to the next meeting on 18 March 2005.

[NOTE: The Chairman reminded Members of the buffet lunch following the next committee meeting on 18 March 2005 and the subsequent meeting.]

[Meeting Ended: 1.00 pm]

Chairman