

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 3rd October 2008 at the Warlingham Methodist Church Hall, Warlingham.

County Council Members

- * Mr David Hodge - Chairman
- * Marian Myland - Vice-chairman
- * Mr Peter Langham
- * Mrs Sally Ann B Marks
- Mr Ken Rimington
- * Mr N W Skellett

District Council Members

- Cllr Lisa Bangs
- * Cllr Michael Cooper
- * Cllr Tony Elias
- * Cllr Martin Fisher
- * Cllr Eric Morgan
- * Cllr Brian Perkins

* = Present

44/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mr Ken Rimington and District Councillor Lisa Bangs. District Councillor Jeffrey Gray substituted.

45/08 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2008 [Item 2]

Accepted. Misspelling of Cllr Brian Perkins forename duly noted and amended.

46/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were none.

47/08 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]

There were none.

48/08 PETITIONS [Item 5]

There were none.

49/08 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 6]

There were none.

50/08 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS ALLOCATIONS FOR 2008/09** [Item 7]

The Tandridge Local Committee considered new requests for funding from the Members' Allocations budget as set out in Annex A of the report and

RESOLVED to approve the following:

Surrey Fire & Rescue Service - Safe Drive Stay Alive	£5,000.00
Surrey Fire & Rescue Service - Youth Engagement Scheme	£1,000.00
Coneybury Playground *	£5,000.00
Nutfield War Memorial	£ 850.00
Safety Courses in Oxted	£ 840.00
Installation of Godstone Christmas Lights	£ 350.00
Limpsfield in Bloom	£ 950.00
CADS demountable stage	£1,500.00

[*NOTE: There was a proviso attached to the Coneybury Playground bid in that the money would be held in reserve until the balance of their target funding had been identified, provided it met the Surrey County Council's Financial Framework requirements.]

Reason for Decision

All projects under consideration have been sponsored by, and have the support of, the appropriate Local Member. As funding for Tandridge Local Committee is pooled, Members are requested to consider them as a group and to decide on whether or not to approve them.

51/08 **SURREY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE** [Item 8]

The Surrey Strategic Partnership (SSP) has strengthened its governance and agreed an interim Sustainable Community Strategy for the county to provide context for negotiating the Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2008-11 with government. This report sought to explain how the SSP sets out a balanced approach to realising the 2020 vision that builds on the successes of the previous community strategy to Sustain Success/Share Success and Promote Independence.

Mrs Myland shared concern about the closure of local facilities providing respite for Alzheimers patients and Mrs Marks commented on the impact on carers of reduced services. They wanted to know how LAA funding arrangements would address this. Mr Skellett stated that these were Primary Care Trust (PCT) funding decisions rather than Surrey County Council (SCC) ones but that the LAA process would ensure that these issues were explored. Mr Langham asked where the Local Strategic Partnerships (LSP) fitted into the LAA and SSP process. Chris White responded that Government guidance was not explicit on this point as it defines SCC as the accountable body and deems that partners 'have a regard' to the targets. However, the District and Borough are members of the Leadership group and therefore have an influencing role. Mr Langham then requested that more information about the progress of the LSP be brought to Local Committee and the Area Director agreed to share the minutes and agendas from those meetings with Committee members.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Tandridge) agreed to:

- (i) note the ongoing development of the Surrey's Sustainable Community Strategy and the opportunities to shape it and contribute.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee has an executive function to bring local intelligence to help shape the countywide community strategy and to facilitate local delivery.

52/08 **CONSULTATION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO LEARNING DISABILITY DAY SERVICES** [Item 9]

Surrey County Council was consulting on proposals to improve in-house learning disability day services. The consultation started on 14th July 2008 and was due to end on 14th November 2008. The consultation document, *Choice, Independence, Rights and Control* (July 2008) detailed proposals for the future provision of learning disability day services in Surrey. It also provided full details regarding current services and other background information. At the time of the consultation Surrey County Council operated seven-day services including Colebrook in Redhill and Bentley in Banstead.

The discussion centred on the services currently provided to local residents in Tandridge and what the proposed changes would mean to local service users and their families. While Members accepted the need for, and the potential benefits of, changes to service delivery, they were keen to ensure that existing service users would still be able to access an appropriate level of service through the provision of adequate transport and that the needs of individual service users were fully taken into account to minimise disruption and any attendant distress.

The Local Committee (Tandridge) was asked to:

- (i) Comment on the information provided in the consultation document on improvements to day services for people with learning disabilities across Surrey.
- (ii) Comment on proposals for the Bentley community resource centre in Banstead to become a 'Centre of Excellence' for people with complex needs. This is the nearest 'Centre of Excellence' proposed for people in Tandridge to access.
- (iii) Comment on proposals for a greater range of services for people in Tandridge in their local communities. This will result in the building-based services at Colebrook and Bentley being replaced by a range of community based activities.

But, using text proposed by Nick Skellett and seconded by the Chairman,

RESOLVED that the Tandridge Local Committee:

support the consultation on proposals to improve the in-house learning disability day services and further requested:

- (i) that the necessary transportation provision is taken into account, and
- (ii) that service users in Tandridge are fully catered for in any changes to these day services.

[NOTE: The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.30 and reconvened at 11.45. Mr N Skellett left the meeting during the break.]

53/08 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 10]

There were none.

54/08 **MEMBERS QUESTIONS** [Item 11]

There were none but Mr Peter Langham requested clarification that, although no written questions had been received by the deadline for this meeting, Members can in fact ask informal questions at Committee without prior notice. This was confirmed by the committee clerk.

55/08 PETITIONS [Item 12]

There was one petition on the subject of road safety in Hillbury and Tithepit Shaw roads in Whyteleafe brought on behalf of local residents by Dr Conor Linstead to which the Local Highways Manager gave a written response. [Attached as Annex A]

56/08 HIGHWAYS SCHEMES IN TANDRIDGE [Item 13]

This item was for information only. However Mr Peter Langham challenged the status of this report and, therefore, the recommendation, which he proposed should be changed to take account of amendments. He was also concerned that funding allocated to Shabby to Smart in Caterham should not be found from the Local Transport Plan.

The Local Highways Manager explained that this funding did not come from the Local Transport Plan but from the Central budget, which is outside the Local Committee's remit.

Members then took the opportunity to comment in detail on progress made on the schemes listed in the Local Transport Plan (LPT).

The Chairman requested a further update be brought to the next Committee meeting in December, which would include objectives, outcomes and timescales.

Summing up, the Chairman ruled Mr Langham's proposal to amend the recommendation out of order as this report was not brought for decision but was an update of progress on schemes formally agreed on 20th June.

Mr Langham then asked that it be noted that he felt that to accept this report as an information item was unconstitutional.

District Councillor Martin Fisher further noted that he could not support the Local Transport Plan because it failed to address the problems in Chalk Pit Lane.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Tandridge) note the report for information.

[Meeting Ended: 12.33 pm]

Chairman