



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY & TOWN PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Richard Herbert (Chairman), Jerry Holden, Pat Holden (until Min 6), Carole Mulroney, Patsy Ryan (until Min 8) and David Stanley (from Min 5 until Min 8)

In Attendance: Cllr Paul Lawrence (until Min 6) and Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.05pm

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Richard Herbert was elected Chairman

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Jerry Holden was elected Vice Chairman

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

5. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE – Report 1965/TPSC (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

Members discussed the report and made amendments. The amended Terms of Reference are **RECOMMENDED** to F&GPC for adoption and are attached as Appendix 1.

6. DRAFT STRATEGY STATEMENT – Report 1966/RH (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

Members discussed the strategy at some length making various amendments, additions and deletions.

The amended Draft Strategy would be circulated to all Councillors for comment prior to being **RECOMMENDED** for adoption by F&GPC and is attached as Appendix 2.

7. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING PARTIES

The priority of the work was considered and fell into three areas of activity.

- Leigh Community Centre (short term)
- Creation of a revised Town Plan (medium term)
- Formulate a Neighbourhood Plan (long term)

It was agreed to establish two working parties, one for the Community Centre and a Town Plan Steering Group to formulate a revised Town Plan. Councillors would be asked if they were interested in contributing to either of these groups. The Town Plan Steering Group would contain not just Councillors but representatives from other community groups across the town.

8. LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

The present position was that the management of the building reverted to Southend BC after July 2012 and that they were seeking interested parties to manage the Centre in the short to medium term on the basis of no additional cost to themselves.

The Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Leigh Town Council express an interest and enter into negotiations with Southend BC to secure the continued community use of the building.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE BUDGET

Members recognised that it was difficult to set a finite budget for the discrete areas of activity but it was agreed that a sum of money for use by the Sub-Committee should be requested.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that a budget of £3000 be set aside to further the work of the Sub-Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm



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Report 1965a/TPSC

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE STRATEGY AND TOWN PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE

TR10A STRATEGY & TOWN PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE (S&TPSC) (7 MEMBERS)

The Terms of Reference of S&TPSC are as follows:

1. To deal with the following under delegated powers;
 - To formulate in consultation with all Councillors the strategic objectives for the Council (the "Council Strategy") and seek Council adoption of these
 - To implement a framework for the delivery of the Council Strategy which includes:
 - Inaugurate targeted working parties and groups
 - Progress an initial review of council priorities
 - Carry out consultations with residents, Southend Council and others
 - Evaluate feedback from consultations
 - To formulate the Town Plan for Council adoption.
 - To determine opportunities for Council activity arising out of the Localism Bill.
2. On conclusion of a plan or statement to recommend its adoption by F&GPC and Council.
3. To consider correspondence relevant to its terms of reference

DRAFT STRATEGY

Vision Statement

“An active and vibrant working town with a separate and distinctive identity to, but still an integral part of the larger urban community of Southend-on-Sea. A community where people support one another and can live, work, shop, visit and enjoy themselves in an environment that is constantly cared for and enhanced. A town that:

- Provides sustainable employment opportunities, transport, housing and business facilities.
- Preserves and enhances the natural beauty, heritage and traditions of Leigh.
- Preserves and nurtures the cultural life of Leigh.
- Encourages young and old from all areas to work together to achieve continual improvement to the facilities and future prospects of the town.
- Promotes thriving commercial areas which provide leisure and shopping facilities to meet the needs and wishes of residents and visitors.”

Strategic Aims

“To promote the well being and quality of life of the residents of Leigh-on-Sea”

To achieve this we aim to:

- take part in an open dialogue with residents to better understand their needs, and in turn explain how we will address these needs within the resources and powers available to the Town Council;
- provide high standard, value for money services to help meet the needs and wishes of the residents;
- assist and encourage other bodies to provide such services; and
- promote the best interests of the town for the benefit of the local community

Strategic Objectives

The Town Council’s strategic objectives are based on the Council’s overall vision. The objectives are:

1. To promote the provision of accessible social, recreational, educational and cultural facilities within the town for the benefit of Leigh’s residents and visitors.
2. To encourage and support the economic and commercial vitality of the town.
3. To preserve Leigh’s unique character and heritage, protect its conservation areas and maintain and enhance its maritime environment.
4. To encourage harmony between developing commercial and residential requirements and existing amenities.
5. To consult with and take due regard of all comments received from other statutory bodies, voluntary organisations and individuals, to ensure an improving standard of service that meets with local needs.
6. To protect and enhance Leigh’s natural environment, its open spaces and public gardens.
7. To seek to improve sustainable public transport across the town.
8. To seek to create a socially inclusive and caring community.