

# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Patsy Ryan (Chairman), Syrie Cox, Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence (until Min 137), Carole Mulroney, Caroline Parker (until Min 135) and Jane Ward

In Attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

### *The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

#### 126. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

#### 127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Richard Herbert

#### 128. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

#### 129. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 were agreed with the exception of Minute 121.

A recorded vote was requested on the wording of Minute 121. The vote was to retain the wording as in the draft.

For retaining the wording: Cllrs Syrie Cox, Donald Fraser, Carole Mulroney and Caroline Parker (4)

Against retaining the wording: Cllrs Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence and Patsy Ryan (4)

On the casting vote of the Chairman the minute was revised as follows:

In last sentence of fourth paragraph on page 4 delete the words after last comma "they had in fact been approved by Council and that"

#### 130. STRATEGY AND TOWN PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2014 (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

There were two recommendations for approval by the Committee:

Minute 6 – Mission Statement

'To promote, represent and provide for the community of Leigh-on-Sea'

The Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDED** the Mission Statement to F&GPC and Council for adoption.

The Committee **agreed** to **RECOMMEND** the Mission Statement to Council for adoption.

Minute 6 – Review of Core Strategy

The Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDED** the Revised Core Strategy to F&GPC and Council for adoption.

The Committee made further revisions to the Core Strategy attached as Appendix 1 and **RECOMMENDED** its adoption by Council.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to note the minutes.

131. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKING PARTY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014 – Information Report 2455/CEWP (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

The Convenor advised members that a meeting for interested people who wanted to become Councillors has been set for 7pm on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and Councillors were asked to indicate if they were prepared to become facilitators at the meeting.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to note the report.

132. AMALGAMATION OF LEIGH INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

The Committee **RESOLVED** to **note** the report.

133. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The Committee **RESOLVED** to note the report.

134. DATE FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 as the date for the meeting.

135. TOWN COUNCIL STRUCTURAL REVIEW (Appendix 3 to the agenda).

A presentation was given to the Committee outlining the proposal. The motion was then put to the vote.

**Motion**

That the committee approves and recommends to Council the "Suggested Council Structural Review" as the basis of the restructuring of the Council's committee system and consults further and develops this document and that a final version is brought to the committee and Council in February 2015 for approval.

The motion was **lost**

A further motion was put forward:

***Cllr Caroline Parker left the meeting***

The subject of the suggested "Town Council Structural Review" be referred to the Strategy and Town Plan Sub-Committee for consideration and report back to the February meeting of F&GPC.

Proposed Cllr Carole Mulroney; seconded Cllr Donald Fraser.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the proposal.

136. GENERAL PURPOSES BUDGET Report 2457/GP as at 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (Information Report for **noting**) (Appendix 4 to the agenda)

The report was **noted**.

#### 137. REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were none.

***Cllr Paul Lawrence left the meeting***

#### 138. OFFICE AND COMMITTEE BUDGETS (information Reports for **noting**)

- Office Budget Report 2458/FGP as at 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (Appendix 5 to the agenda)

The report was **noted**.

- Committee Income and Expenditure Report 2462/FGP as at 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (Appendix 6 to the agenda)

The report was **noted**.

#### 139. TO NOTE INCOME AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

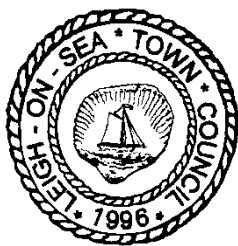
See report 2462/I&E (Appendix 7 to the agenda)

The Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that £30,000 had been transferred to the CCLA A/c and not £50,000 as the money was required to pay HMRC £16,622.18 due to VAT partial exemption limitations.

The Committee noted the income and **RECOMMENDED** the expenditure to Council.

#### 140. BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were **noted**.

***The meeting closed at 9.20pm***



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## Leigh-on-Sea Town Council Core Strategy Statement – Adopted 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### Proposed Revisions January 2015

#### Vision Statement

“Leigh-on-Sea is an active and vibrant ~~working~~ town with a ~~separate and~~ distinctive identity ~~to~~, but still an integral part of the larger urban ~~area~~ 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 everyone within the community to work together to achieve continual improvement to the facilities and future prospects of the town; and
- 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 ~~community~~ of Leigh-on-Sea”**

To achieve this we aim to:

- take part in an open dialogue with ~~residents~~ **the community** 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 **community** ~~residents~~;
- assist and encourage other bodies to provide high standard, value for money services to help meet the needs and wishes of the residents; 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~~ **the community** and visitors.
2. To encourage and support the economic and commercial vitality of the town.
3. To preserve ~~Leigh’s~~ **the** unique character and heritage, protect its conservation areas and maintain and enhance its maritime environment.

4. To ~~encourage harmony~~ **seek a balance** between developing commercial and residential requirements and existing amenities.
5. To ~~consult with and take due regard of all comments received from~~ **work in partnership with** 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~~ **the** natural environment, its open spaces and public gardens.
7. To seek to improve sustainable transport infrastructure across the town.
8. To seek to create a socially inclusive and caring community.