

COUNCIL

Tuesday, 27 January 2009

Present: Councillor Terry Brown (Mayor), Councillor Iris Smith (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Ken Ball, Nora Ball, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Judith Boothman, Alistair Bradley, Alan Cain, Pat Case, Henry Counce, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Dennis Edgerley, Anthony Gee, Peter Goldsworthy, Marie Gray, Pat Haughton, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Keith Iddon, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Laura Lennox, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, Thomas McGowan, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Simon Moulton, Mark Perks, Debra Platt, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Edward Smith, Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker, Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson

09.C.211 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Michael Muncaster and Shaun Smith.

09.C.212 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 2 December 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

09.C.213 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

Councillor Eric Bell declared a personal interest in the General Report from the Executive Cabinet of 8 January 2009 on the disposal of surplus land and assets.

09.C.214 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a number of announcements:

- Tickets are on sale for the Charity Ball at Park Hall Hotel, Charnock Richard on Friday, 13 February.
- A further quiz night will be held on Friday, 20 February at Sacred Heart Social Centre.
- A Sportsman's Dinner is planned for Friday, 3 March in the Lancastrian Suite with former Liverpool FC player Alan Kennedy and comedian Mike Farrell.
- A Soul and Motown Night is taking place on Friday, 8 May, the last Mayoral Charity event of the year.
- Sponsors are invited for the Mayor's Mermaids and Mermen Swimathon on 7 February 2009 at All Seasons.

The proceeds from all these events would be donated to the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

09.C.215 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There had been no questions submitted by any members of the public to speak at the meeting.

09.C.216 EXECUTIVE CABINET

(a) Capital Programme for 2008/09

The Executive Member (Resources) submitted a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation) monitoring the 2008/09 Capital Programme and proposing revisions and a reduction to the programme as a result of almost £1.3m slippage and net increases totalling £652,880.

It was moved by the Executive Member for Resources (Councillor A Cullens) seconded by the Executive Leader and subsequently **RESOLVED** that the 2008/09 revised Capital Programme be approved as set out in Appendix 1 to the report in the total sum of £8,582,620.

(b) General Report from Executive Cabinet meetings on 11 December 2008 and 8 January 2009

The Executive Leader presented a report summarising key items of business considered at meetings of the Executive Cabinet on 11 December 2008 and 8 January 2009, including the draft budget proposals for 2009/10 and an update on concessionary travel pooling arrangements across Lancashire.

Councillor Dennis Edgerley raised issues regarding the Council's draft Treasury Management Strategy; other aspects of the draft budget for 2009/10 and the Government Ministerial meeting regarding concessionary travel.

It was moved by the Executive Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader (Councillor Pat Case), and subsequently **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

09.C.217 GENERAL REPORT FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, INCLUDING TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE

The Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Dennis Edgerley) presented a report summarising the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at meetings held on 1 December 2008 and 19 January 2009. This included recommendations from the Task and Finish Groups undertaking enquiries into Chorley Community Housing and Streetscene and consideration of the draft budget and Treasury Management Strategy.

It was moved by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Dennis Edgerley), seconded by the Vice-Chair (Councillor Alan Cain) and subsequently **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

09.C.218 GENERAL REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Council received a report of the work of the Audit Committee which had met on 15 January 2009. The Committee had considered the Audit Commission's final report on its assessment of the Council's use of resources for 2007/08 where Chorley had again achieved the maximum score of 4, and also looked at changes being introduced for the 2009 evaluation.

It was moved by the Chair of the Audit Committee (Councillor Anthony Gee), seconded by the Vice-Chair (Councillor Laura Lennox) and subsequently **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

09.C.219 PLANNING APPLICATION 08/00884/CB3 ASTLEY HALL, ASTLEY PARK, PARK ROAD, CHORLEY

The Chair of the Development Control Committee (Councillor Greg Morgan) presented a report seeking approval for planning permission for the installation of a CCTV system including six cameras and eight loudspeaker horns in Astley Hall and the Coach House and grounds.

The Development Control Committee had been minded to support the application but the application required Council's approval.

The Committee had been concerned at the operational activity of the cameras but confirmation had been received that these would record 24 hours a day.

It was moved by the Chair of the Development Control Committee (Councillor Greg Morgan), seconded by the Vice-Chair (Councillor Geoffrey Russell) and subsequently **RESOLVED** that planning permission be approved for application 08/00884/CB3 for the installation of a CCTV system including six cameras (located on Astley Hall, the Coach House, wall mounted and on poles in the grounds) and eight loudspeaker horns on the roof of Astley Hall and the Coach House.

09.C.220 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2009 - 2010

Members considered the draft calendar of meetings for 2009/10.

Councillor Dennis Edgerley requested that the Council meeting in December 2009 be moved later into the month.

The Executive Leader moved, the Deputy Leader seconded and it was subsequently **RESOLVED** that the draft calendar of meetings be approved subject to agreeing to look at the request for a change in the date of the December 2009 Council meeting.

Mayor