

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive
held on 16 August 2022**

+ Cllr Alan McClafferty (Chairman)

+ Cllr Sarah Jane Croke	+ Cllr Rebecca Jennings-Evans
- Cllr Colin Dougan	+ Cllr Adrian Page
+ Cllr Shaun Garrett	+ Cllr Robin Perry

+ Present

- Apologies for absence presented

In Attendance: Cllr Graham Alleway, Cllr Rodney Bates, Cllr Sharon Galliford, Cllr Mark Gordon, Cllr Morgan Rise, Cllr Pat Tedder and Cllr Helen Whitcroft

32/E Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

33/E Questions by Members

The Leisure, Culture & Community Portfolio Holder, Councillor Rebecca Jennings Evans, responded to a question from Cllr Rodney Bates about investigating car parking issues at Places Leisure, Camberley. In response to concerns raised about the issuing of penalty notices and the appeals process, she undertook to provide a written response once she had had an opportunity to discuss the matter with the Strategic Director for Environment & Community.

Following a question from Councillor Sharon Galliford concerning the Council's insurance provision in relation to harm from the effects of radiation from communications masts, the Leader undertook to circulate information on the scope of the Council's insurance policy along with the government's latest health advice associated with the masts.

34/E Ward Councillor Community Fund Grants - Criteria Review

The Executive was reminded that, at its meeting on 20 October 2020, it had agreed to introduce a Ward Councillor Grant Scheme. Members considered a report proposing amendments to the Scheme's criteria. The proposed changes were intended to realign the Scheme with its original aims, namely to enable ward councillors to help the community by providing small grants of up to £500 for important acquisitions or for direct costs towards projects that focused on local needs.

RESOLVED that the Ward Councillor Community Fund Grant Scheme be amended, as set out in Annex A to the agenda report.

35/E Community Fund Grant Scheme

The Executive considered a report seeking approval of two grant applications received for the Council's Community Fund Grant Scheme. The applications related to funding requested by Chobham Rugby Football Club to support its extensive refurbishment and modernisation project, and the installation of a Stag Statue on the A322 junction with Guildford Road/Kerria Way/Fellow Green Road, West End applied for by West End Village Society (WEVS).

Whilst concerns about the use of public money for the Stag Statue were noted, it was also recognised that the grant proposed was lower than the amount requested by WEVS and the Council had a number of other grants schemes available to support residents with food and energy payments.

RESOLVED that

- (i) £10,000 be awarded to Chobham Rugby Football Club to support the building of its new facilities plan; and**
- (ii) £1,500 be awarded to West End Village Society to support the installation of the 'Stag Statue'.**

Note: It was noted for the record that Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans declared that she had allocated funding from her Surrey County Council Members' Community Allocation to West End Village Society for the Stag Statue.

36/E Adoption of the Working Definition of Anti-Semitism

The Executive was informed that, at its meeting on 29 June 2022, the Equality Working Group had considered whether the Council should adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of the following non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or Non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

The Working Group had confirmed its support of the definition and had also noted that this was part of a broader recognition of support of multiculturalism and diversity in the borough, which was supported through the Council's Equality Strategy and Annual Plan.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the Working Definition of Anti-Semitism (IHRA) and other minority groups, as proposed by the Equality Working Group, be adopted.

37/E Budget Supplementary Estimate - Council contribution to Collectively Camberley Limited

The Executive considered a request to make provision in the revenue budget for payments to Collectively Camberley Limited (CC), the administering body for the Camberley Business Improvement District (BID), outside of the statutorily set BID

Levy. The additional payments would contribute towards Christmas lights and additional events organised by CC across the year.

It was advised that historically the Council had made grants to CC on an ad hoc basis, in addition to the statutory levy it paid the BID in relation to its liabilities for properties within the BID area. These additional grants had often been made from previous budgets for business support and not from a single agreed budget; approval was therefore sought to put these contributions on a firmer footing to allow better budget planning by both the Council and CC. It was suggested by some Members that, in future, any additional contributions should be discussed at the time the Council was considering its vote on whether to re-elect the BID for a further term.

Members discussed exploring opportunities for further partnership working with CC, including the provision of 'pump priming' and other financial support where this delivered real benefits for local residents and the economy. It was agreed to further investigate opportunities, which would be reported back to the Executive for decision.

RESOLVED that a supplementary estimate for a base budget uplift of £15,000 to fund grant contributions to the Collectively Camberley Limited BID, outside of the ringfenced BID levy collected by the Council on behalf of the BID, be approved.

Chairman