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MINUTES

Meeting: **Audit Resources & Performance Committee**

Date: Friday 7 November 2014 at 10.00 am

Venue: The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Cllr A McCloy

Present: Cllr C Furness, Mr P Ancell, Cllr G Claff, Cllr A R Favell, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr P Harrison, Mr R Helliwell, Ms S Leckie, Cllr S Marshall-Clarke, Mr G Nickolds, Cllr Mrs L C Roberts, Mrs E Sayer and Cllr D Williams

Apologies for absence: Mrs F Beatty, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr Mrs G Heath and Cllr Mrs N Turner

85/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee held on 19 September 2014 were approved as a correct record.

86/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public had given notice to speak under the public participation at meetings scheme.

87/14 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6

Cllr A McCloy, personal interest as a member of the Ramblers Association and as a contributor to their magazine, but had not covered this issue.

It was noted that all Members had received correspondence from Mr N Bennett, Mr H Cleary, Mr H Wright and Mr C Mitchell.

Item 9

Ms E Sayer, personal interest as a member of the Heritage Lottery Fund Board

Mr G D Nickolds, personal interest as Chair of East Midlands Heritage Lottery Fund

Item 12

Cllr G Claff, personal and prejudicial interest as a member of High Peak Borough Council.

88/14 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AT LEYS LANE (A76225/SAS)

It was noted that details of the site visit by Members, which had taken place on the previous day, had been tabled and that the route plan and photos of the site were on display at the meeting.

The following spoke under the public participation at meetings scheme:

- Mr H Cleary on behalf of Manchester 17 Motorcycle Club and Manchester Group of Trail Riders' Fellowship
- Mr C Woods, Peak District Green Lanes Association and Friends of the Peak District
- Mrs J Poulter, Rocking the Boat

10.20am Cllrs Greenhalgh and Williams and Mr Hamid joined the meeting but did not take part in this item..

- Ms H Stephens, Individual

The Chair stated that proposals for a permanent traffic regulation order(TRO) had been consulted on but that other options were possible and detailed in the report at paragraph 44. Members then discussed and considered the proposals. A motion for a permanent TRO, as set out in paragraph 44.(i) of the report was moved and seconded.

Cllr S Marshall-Clarke declared a personal interest in this item as a member of Derbyshire County Council.

The motion for the permanent TRO was voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

The Authority proceeds to make a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order under Section 22 BB(2)(a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that will have the effect of prohibiting use by mechanically propelled vehicles at all times on Leys Lane (subject to specified exceptions).

89/14 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT BLOCK 1, 2014/15 (A1362/7/PN)

Ian Morton, Audit Manager from Veritau Ltd, the Authority's internal auditors, was present at the meeting and introduced the report. He thanked officers for all their help. He also reported that an Authority officer had attended a Veritau training session.

Members considered the report of the internal auditors' recommendations for the first block of the 2014/15 audit and the agreed actions. The recommendation to receive the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

That the internal audit reports for the four areas covered under Block 1 for 2014/15 be received (in Appendices 1 – 4) and the agreed actions considered

90/14 2014/15 QUARTER 2 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT (A91941/WA)

Members considered the report on the monitoring information at the end of Quarter 2, monitoring of the corporate risk register and monitoring of complaints and freedom of information requests.

It was noted that the Tour de France had now been removed from the risk register and that the budget proposals risk had moved down as work on this progressed.

Members requested details of trends in complaints and it was agreed that information on trends over the last 3 years would be included in the year end report.

Members requested that an extra recommendation be added to congratulate officers involved in achieving green status of performance objectives and this was agreed.

The recommendation as amended was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Quarter 2 Corporate Performance Return, given in Appendix 1, is reviewed and any remedial action agreed.**
- 2. That the risk register be reviewed and status of risks accepted, including the deletion of risk 3 and lowering of risk status of risk 4.**
- 3. That the status of complaints and Freedom of Information Requests be noted.**
- 4. That officers involved in achieving green status of performance objectives be congratulated.**

The meeting adjourned at 11.20am for a short break and reconvened at 11.25am.

91/14 SOUTH WEST PEAK LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP - ACCEPTANCE OF HLF STAGE 1 DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (KS-J)

The Ecologist, Karen Shelley-Jones, introduced the report and had tabled a poem which summarised the essence of the scheme. It was noted that the Authority was very hopeful of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid being successful.

Members welcomed the report as a good example of partnership working and it was agreed to add an extra recommendation to commend officers on all their efforts on the bid. The recommendation as amended was moved and seconded then voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Committee approve the proposal from the South West Peak Landscape Partnership to accept, on confirmation of approval from HLF, stage one bid funding of the development phase from the HLF Landscape Partnership Grants Programme and;**
- 2. The sign off of contractual arrangements with partners and contractors is delegated to the Development Officer in consultation with the Assistant Director Land Management.**
- 3. Acceptance of the grant is delegated to the Assistant Director Land Management in consultation with Heads of Law and Finance.**

4. That officers involved in the bid be commended for all their efforts.

92/14 ITEM FOR APPROVAL WITH NO DISCUSSION: EXTERNAL AUDIT (KPMG) - 2013/14 ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER (A1362/RMM)

RESOLVED:

That the 2013/14 Annual Audit Letter be considered and noted.

93/14 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item Nos. 12 and 13 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A)(4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 3 “Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).”

SUMMARY

The Committee determined the following items and full details are contained in the exempt minutes:

94/14 Strategic options for the future management of trails and cycle services (JBD)
95/14 Cycle hire progress report (MB)

The meeting ended at 1.13 pm