

JOINT MANAGEMENT TEAM

THURSDAY 17 February 2011

MINUTES

Present:	Councillor M Mitchelson (Chair), Councillors, R Bloxham, G Ellis, M Bowman, J Bainbridge, J Geddes
	M Mooney, J Gooding, D Crossley, M Lambert, J Meek (left the meeting at 15.35hrs), A Culleton, K Gerrard, P Mason, R Cornwall (for item 4) Sue Hoyle (Minutes)
Apologies:	Cllr J Mallinson

JMT 09/11	JMT MINUTES – 03 February 2011
After a slight amendment the minutes of the JMT meeting on 3 rd February 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
JMT 10/11	LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FEEDBACK
Richard Buck and Archie Gall from LGBCE gave a brief presentation and answered questions about their recent consultation on principal area boundary reviews and electoral reviews.	
JMT 11/11	COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE / FOYER
K Gerrard updated JMT of progress on the Community Resource Centre. The Community Resource Centre is due to be completed in early Autumn 2011. Keith answered questions raised by Members.	
JMT 12/11	DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS BUDGET
<p>K Gerrard presented the paper he circulated to JMT on Disabled Facilities Grants Budget. The document was about reducing risks and minimising costs to the Council.</p> <p>R Cornwall joined JMT and he outlined the procedure for applying for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and the legal obligations of the Council to keep people safe at home.</p> <p>It was agreed by JMT that there was a need to gain support from local MP's and lobby Whitehall about the DFG allocation given and of the concerns of the Grant in future going to GP's and not to the Local Authority.</p> <p>D Crossley stressed that the prioritising system to manage DFG's was unsustainable in its current form and needed refreshed.</p> <p>M Mooney asked for the table in the report to be expanded on to show where the gaps for DFG's were as this would be a useful lobbying tool.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: K Gerrard / R Cornwall</p>	
JMT 13/11	LDF MEMBERS WORKING GROUP
J Meek reported that she had received nominations from the Conservative and Liberal Democrat groups and was awaiting nominations to be forwarded from the Labour group for their representatives on the LDF Member Working Group. As soon as all representatives were received a meeting would be arranged to progress the Working Group.	

ACTION: J Meek	
JMT 14/11	SHARED SERVICES UPDATE
<p>J Gooding briefed JMT Members on the report the Assistant Director (Resources) took to the last meeting of Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>P Mason outlined the progress being made on the 3 shared services being operated by the Council including the performance and financial appraisals detailed in the report.</p>	
JMT 15/11	SUSTRANS CARLISLE CONNECT2
<p>A Culleton gave a re-cap to JMT of the history of the Sustrans Carlisle Connect 2 scheme and the 6 elements of it. The present situation is that only 4 of the 6 elements can be achieved and Sustrans won't release their financial contribution to the scheme of £975,000 unless all 6 elements are completed.</p> <p>Corporate complaints and Ward Councillors were receiving numerous correspondences from the public about the possible withdrawal of Sustrans funding for the scheme and it was agreed by JMT that a corporate response would be drafted for all replies.</p> <p>It was agreed by JMT that an early meeting was needed between Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council and Sustrans. Carlisle City Council would take the lead and make the necessary arrangements for the meeting to take place at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: A Culleton / M Mooney</p>	
JMT 16/11	TRANSFORMATION UPDATE
<p>J Meek updated JMT on the transformation process for Economic Development Directorate she reported that the consultation period had ended and the new structure would be implemented from 03 March 2011.</p> <p>A Culleton reported to JMT that the transformation process for Local Environment Directorate was nearing the end of Phase 1.</p> <p>K Gerrard updated JMT on the transformation process for Community, Housing and Health Directorate. First round of interviews would take place 7th March.</p> <p>M Mooney reported that the staff briefings she had held last week at the Civic Centre, Bousteads Grassing and Tullie House went well and reported that the response from staff was positive.</p>	
JMT 17/11	FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
This was noted by JMT.	
JMT 18/11	FORWARD PLAN OF JMT
<p>P Mason reported that the Welfare White Paper would pose major implications to the City Council he would bring a paper on it to JMT on 31 March</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: P Mason</p> <p>Cllr R Bloxham suggested bringing an item to the next JMT on Public Health, Prof Ashton.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: K Gerrard</p>	
JMT 19/11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
<p>Cllr M Mitchelson requested a map of the Rickerby Park Plan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: A Culleton</p>	

Cllr R Bloxham raised concerns he had about the Play Trail. K Gerrard agreed to do a note for information on the Play Trail and circulate it to all Members of JMT

ACTION: K Gerrard