EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 31 January 2017 (7:00 pm – 8:28 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Bicknell (Chairman); Councillors Bain, Balaam, Irish, Mann, Mrs Sollitt, Sollitt and Thomas

Also in attendance: Councillor

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Trenchard

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RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

1. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report on this occasion.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public had received a leaflet containing information that Twyford Road was to be widened and the footpaths narrowed. She asked whether this was true and if so would there be a public consultation. She then asked whether the Marks and Spencer Food Hall being built at Twyford Road was being built at the expense of the taxpayer.

The Chair replied the County Council were responsible for the roads in the area and as yet Eastleigh Borough Council had received no notification that any changes were being made to Twyford Road. If there was to be any changes the County would be responsible for any consultation. He advised that she should contact the author of the leaflet to get further information.

The Chair advised that Eastleigh Local Area Committee only dealt with the planning application for the Marks and Spencer’s site. He advised that the building had been funded by Eastleigh Borough Council as the Council hold ownership of the land. He suggested that she wrote to the Chief Executive or Leader for financial information on the site.

A member of the public addressed the Committee with his concerns over the Social Care Act (2012) and was not happy going to his MP with the issue. The Chairman thanked him for his comments.

A member of the public spoke on behalf of a local resident who had his bile stolen from the bike rack outside Sainsbury’s and ongoing to the Police was told that the CCTV did not cover that area. The Chair advised that the Local Area Manager would investigate the possibility of providing
a satellite camera and discuss whether Sainsbury’s could help to provide something.

3. **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION WITH EASTLEIGH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

The Chairman advised that a representative from the Eastleigh Safer Neighbourhood Team was unable to attend due to resources.

4. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mark Balaam declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 9, Financial Management Report, because he lives opposite the site mentioned in Recommendation (5) of the report.

Councillor Steve Sollitt declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 9, Financial Management Report, because he lives opposite the site mentioned in Recommendation (5) of the report.

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported that the following appeal had been lodged: **F/16/78697 - 12 Burns Road, Eastleigh, SO50 5DT - Appeal against the Council’s refusal of planning permission for a single storey side extension. (Delegated Decision)**

**RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted.

7. **EASTLEIGH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA ACTION PLAN - 6 MONTH UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Environmental Health Manager (Agenda Item 8) that gave Members an update on the Eastleigh Air Quality Management Area Action Plan and identified key issues at the current time.

Members were advised that since the last meeting the Air Alert service had been launched giving people alerts via email or mobile app whether the air quality would be of a level that would impede any health issues. To date 16 alerts had been initiated since the launch.
Members discussed the action plan and air quality issues in detail and felt that to be more proactive and evolve the plan a Member led working group should be established. It was also felt that due to the current construction of the new leisure centre at Fleming Park it would be prudent to explore the possibility of having electric charging points in the car park. Members also discussed the age of vehicles in the taxi fleet in the Borough and recommended to the Administration Committee to investigate the possibility of only licensing taxis of a certain age.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the report be noted;

(2) That the exploration of electric points be considered for Fleming Park Leisure Centre;

(3) That Administration Committee investigate the removing older taxis from the fleet;

(4) That a working group be established to be proactive and evolve the Air Quality Action Plan; and

(5) That Councillors Balaam, Irish and Thomas be appointed to the Air Quality Working Group.

(NOTE: Two members of the public spoke with regard to the Air Quality Action Plan.)

8. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Local Area Manager (Agenda item 9) that contained recommendations for expenditure from the Committee’s capital and revenue budget.

The Local Area Manager tabled a further recommendation for Members to consider regarding the allocation of developer’s contributions to provide cycle and scooter storage at Shakespeare Junior School.

RESOLVED –

(1) That £54,473.62 and £26,742.02 be allocated for improvements to Fleming Park landscaping and public art respectively from developers’ contributions;

(2) That up to £25,000 be allocated for new electrical hook-ups in the Market Place from developers’ contributions;

(3) That up to £30,000 be allocated for the prevention of illegal encampments on Passfield Avenue open space from developers’ contributions;
That £20,000 be allocated for free Wi-Fi provision across the town centre from developers' contributions, and on-going increase of £700 pa from the revenue budget to be reviewed after three years;

That £12,000 be allocated for air conditioning and improved heating controls at the Cable Works Community building from the Pirelli grant;

That up to £11,000 be allocated for resurfacing the car park at the Lakeside allotments from developers’ contributions;

That up to £10,000 be allocated for flood prevention works at the Pavilion on the Park from developers’ contributions;

That £10,000 be allocated for new bins, benches and noticeboards from developers contributions;

That £8,000 be allocated for artist design way markers at Lakeside Country Park from the “Tesco Bags Grant”;

That £5,200 be allocated for new zip wire safety surface on Grantham Green Play area from developers’ contributions;

That £4,443.80 be allocated for a combined gate and height barrier at Freespace from developers’ contributions;

That up to £5,000 be allocated for the Mela 2017 from the revenue reserve; and

That £9473.84 be allocated for the provision of cycle and scooter parking at Shakespeare Junior School from developer's contributions.

(NOTES: a) Councillors Balaam and Sollitt declared a non-pecuniary interest in recommendation (5) of the report, stayed in the room but did not vote thereon; and b) One member of the public spoke with regard to recommendation (3).)

9. MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2016 OF EASTLEIGH MUSEUM JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the Museum Joint Management Committee on 5 July 2016 be noted.

(NOTE: Members requested that they receive the budget documents for the Museum by email for information.)

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