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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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26 November 2020

7.00 pm – 8.59 pm

Remote Meeting

Minutes

Membership

Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)

Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Gordon Craig

Councillor Jim Dewey

Councillor John Jones

Councillor Darren Loftus

P = Present A = Absent

P	Councillor Gill Oxley	P
P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
P	Councillor Sue Reed	P
P	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Communities
 Senior Carbon Neutral Officer
 Community Health & Wellbeing Manager
 Strategic Director of Place

Head of Community Services
 Accountant
 Democratic Services and Elections Officers

Other Member(s) in Attendance

Councillors Doina Cornell and Steve Lydon

CSLC.026

APOLOGIES

There were none.

CSLC.027

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CSLC.028

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2020 are approved as a correct record.

The Chair congratulated Maisey Hammond, Apprentice in Community Services, on winning the National Apprenticeship Award and the good work that Maisey and other fellow Apprentices were undertaking. The Chair continued and advised that Ange Gillingham, General Manager at The Pulse organised a 12-hour charity fitness class and successfully raised £570 which was donated to the Food Bank. Finally, the Chair also advised Committee Members that the Leisure Contract had been successfully awarded to Max Associates following the consultation who specialise in Local Government, Leisure and Cultural Services.

CSLC.016 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

CSLC.029 **MEMBER REPORTS**

(a) **Gloucestershire Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee & Covid-19 Local Outbreak Engagement Board**

The Member reports from Councillor Lydon had been circulated prior to Committee. Councillor Lydon provided an update to Committee that the NHS Trust cancelled 2,500 operations that were due to take place between March and September as a result of Covid-19. The back log following these cancellations had meant that within the next six months, they would be working to 80% capacity to try and resolve the current backlog. Cancer admissions and treatments were back to the same level of response as they were pre-Covid and A&E services were trying to keep to the four hour waiting times. The South West Ambulance Service Trust would be attending the next Gloucestershire Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) to discuss what can be done to reduce issues such as ambulance queues into A&E. The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have confirmed that those individuals who need to see a Doctor because it is clinically necessary will be initially triaged on the phone before being able to attend their GP surgery. Councillor Lydon concluded his overview on HOSC by advising that there has been a 25% increase in eating disorders and a significant rise in suicide rates.

Councillor Lydon provided key headlines from the Covid-19 Local Outbreak Engagement Board advising that there is a current data problem in Gloucester for the statistics with the National Track and Trace system. A pilot in Gloucester City will be undertaken using Local Track and Trace which have had higher success rates than the National Scheme. Initial vaccinations when will be given to the priority groups of the over 75s, Care/Nursing Homes and Care Workers as part of the initial phase once an appropriate vaccine can be issued.

Councillor Dewey advised that he is one of the appointed Mental Health Champions along with Councillors Skinner and Tom Williams and would liaise with Emma-Keating-Clark, Community Health and Wellbeing Manager on what can be done within the District and report back to Councillor Lydon.

CSLC.030 **STROUD DISTRICT 2030 STRATEGY – LIMITING, ADAPTING, RECOVERING AND RESPONDING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE**

The Senior Carbon Neutral Officer, presented the report which outlines the process of development, consultation and structure to the Councils 2030 Strategy and masterplan. The draft Strategy is being presented to all Committees as part of the wider-consultation and the feedback will be collated before the final Strategy and report is presented to Council in 2020. The Senior Carbon Neutral Officer recommend to Committee Members to

make their own individual submission as part of the consultation through the website in addition to promoting the consultation to others.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

- a) **To endorse the draft 2030 Strategy**
- b) **To Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Place and Senior Carbon Neutral Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee and the Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee to make any changes to the draft 2030 Strategy arising from the current engagement and consultation process.**
- c) **Commend the draft 2030 Strategy for adoption by Full Council on 25 February 2021, incorporating any changes made as a result of the consultation and engagement process referred to in b) above.**

CSLC.031

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2020/21 AND ORIGINAL
2021/22

The Accountant presented the report to Committee and presented the budget estimates and the list of fees and charges for submission to Strategy and Resources. The Accountant advised that there were some technical adjustments to the original budget for 2021, in addition to carry forwards from 2019/2020 and an amendment to the real living wage at adjustment at Stratford Park Leisure Centre that was agreed in January 2020. Section 4 of the report highlights the budget pressures to the Council due to the additional expenditure and income as a result of Covid-19.

Councillor Craig raised a question on what the £10,000 allocated budget is for under Appendix A that is for Tourism and whether it could be bid for as funding. The Accountant advised that she would contact the Housing Strategy and CIL Manager for a written response outside of Committee for circulation.

Councillor Jones asked the Accountant for clarification on why there was a £4,000 allocation to the Subscription Rooms budget. The Accountant responded and advised that it was pension arrangement contribution when the staff were tupe'd as part of the terms and conditions of the remaining staff.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDS TO
STRATEGY AND
RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

- a) **The revised Community Services and Licensing revenue budget for 2020/21 and original 2021/22 revenue budget are approved.**
- b) **The Fees and Charges list as shown in Appendix B is approved.**

CSLC.032

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & WELLBEING GRANT

The Strategic Director of Communities thanked both Emma Keating Clark, Community Health and Wellbeing Manager and Matt Fear, Business Support Officer for their hard work in researching and producing the Community Resilience & Wellbeing Grant report.

The Community Health & Wellbeing Manager presented the report to Committee and advised Committee Members that the report outlines the grant criteria and decision making process for a more equitable and transparent Community Investment grant funding Scheme. A consultation was undertaken with Members, Voluntary Sectors and those Community groups who had previously received grants, they were all contacted to make a submission on how the grants process can be improved in addition to the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC). A current budget of £300,000 had been set for one year which after the one year is complete, the Community Services and Licensing Committee will then review this budget figure and adjust accordingly.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED **To adopt the new Community Recovery & Wellbeing Grant process.**

CSLC.033 **APPOINTMENT TO STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERHSIP OUTSIDE BODY**

Committee Members agreed and approved the change in substitute from Councillor Norman Kay to Councillor Jim Dewey. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership had now been incorporated into the 'Know your Patch' group and therefore the representative and substitute would be invited to these meetings.

CSLC.034 **MEMBER REPORTS**

(b) Museum in the Park

Councillor Prenter's Member report had circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions raised.

(c) Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Robinson provided a verbal update to Committee and highlighted the key headlines which included; the refurbishment of the Bamfurlong Operations Centre, the ongoing work and development on A40 bridge over the Motorway, review being undertaken by Government regarding the role and responsibilities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the existing police powers and whether the PCC should also additionally take on Fire Services.

Councillor Robinson also advised Committee members of a number of challenges which include; the recruitment of young Police Officers replacing experience retired Officers, rural crime had increased and in particular theft of farm yard equipment and a backlog of 1000 Criminal Justice cases which were yet to be seen at Gloucestershire Magistrates Court.

(d) Gfirst LEP – Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group

Councillor Craig advised that there had not been a meeting since the last Committee, however was able to provide an update on how some of the money that was given to market Towns had been spent on Tourism. £2000 was given to each of market Towns following the closure of the Tourist Information Centre. In Berkeley Vale, £1,200 had been spent on developing a new website and creating social media account platforms. Additionally, in January 2021, 300 new Tourist Information Centres will open using the remaining £800 by adding QR codes to tourism signage throughout Berkeley Vale.

(e) Stroud Citizens Advice

Councillor Robinson advised Committee Members that the AGM for Stroud Citizens Advice was cancelled and is due to be rescheduled.

(f) Performance Monitoring

Councillor Prenter and Reed's report was circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions.

CSLC.035 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor Edmunds thanked the Chair for adding the Arts and Cultural Strategy to the March 2021 work programme.

Councillor Oxley suggested adding an update or report from Councillor Dewey and the other appointed Mental Health Champions to the work programme. Councillor Dewey also recommended that this item should be added to all Committee work programmes and not just Community Services and Licensing.

Councillor Cornell recommended that the Co-Chair of the Gloucestershire County Council Black Workers Network also be invited to the January Committee to provide a joint presentation in conjunction with the Director of Public Health Annual update.

CSLC.036 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8:59 pm.

Chair