



NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019

Present - Councillor Groves (Chair), Councillor Moran (Mayor), and Councillors Bostock, Butterill, Kirkham, Marren, Martin, Staley, Thomas and Wedgwood together with the Town Clerk.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None.

3 **MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE OF 20 June 2019**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2019 were approved as a correct record.

4 **STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Members considered the previously circulated report together with draft model standing orders and financial regulations. Councillor Marren suggested that as there was a lot of detail to consider a working group should be set up to consider the revised documents.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair of Finance Committee together with Councillors Bostock and Wedgwood would form a working group to consider the draft documents further before approval by the Town Council.

5 **VISION FOR 2019-23**

Committee considered a draft report on the Council's priorities for 2019-23. The Clerk outlined comments of the sub-group which considered as requested:

The expansion of the CCTV system

A boundary review (Cheshire East has committed to a Governance Review throughout the whole Borough over the next few years. New boundaries are expected to be in place prior to the next election in 2023).

The provision of toilets at Snow Hill

Additional information for tourists

The improvement scheme for the Old Biot proposed by Nantwich Partnership

The improvement of the area around the Stocks in Pillory Street

Additional provision for young people

Preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan

Further devolvement of services and assets from Cheshire East.

Committee discussed the importance of public conveniences in the town particularly for tourists together with the promotion of the Comfort Scheme. It was agreed to incorporate this recognition within the Vision document and that the Clerk provide a report on estimated costings for future provision of public conveniences at Snow Hill. Committee also considered additional information for tourists and agreed that the idea of Tourist Information Points and new Gateway signs would be good to pursue further.

When considering improvements to the public realm at Pillory Street it was agreed by committee that it should also include Castle Street, this would be recognised within the Vision document. Committee agreed that it was important to engage with young people and that the local high schools should be contacted to link with the School Councils.

When considering the requirements for a Neighbourhood Plan committee considered the

suggestion by the Clerk to develop the Vision document further by developing it into a Strategic Plan with an action plan detailing delivery timeline with short, medium- and long-term objectives. The committee agreed that this would be a way forward for the Town Council and that the Vision document should make reference to this.

When considering further potential services and assets that could be devolved from Cheshire East, committee agreed that the Vision document should recognise the town council's duty and to ensure where possible the protection of assets and services.

RESOLVED: It was resolved that the Clerk would amend the draft Vision document to include the above considerations and present the revised document for approval at Full Council.

6. POLICY ON THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF FUR

Committee considered the previously circulated report together with information on Islington Council and Oldham Council's policy on the sale of fur in their markets, information from an interested party and a report from Central Government's Select Committee. Members agreed that whilst they recognised the sale of real fur is a very emotive subject at present it is not illegal to sell, it would also be extremely difficult to police and enforce.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk draft a policy on the sale of fur taking into consideration current laws the report by Central Government Select Committee for further consideration.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm

Signature of Chair: