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BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Held on Wednesday, 17 April 2013 at 10.00 am in
Norfolk Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham

PRESENT

Mr P.J. Duigan (Chairman) Mr C. S. Clark
Mr T R Carter (Vice-Chairman) Mr B J Skull
Mr S.G. Bambridge

In Attendance

Helen McAleer - Senior Committee Officer
Josie Hoven - Assistant Licensing Officer
Kevin Rump - ICT & Customer Services Manager
Robert Walker - Assistant Director of Commissioning

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21/13 MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 1)

The Minutes of the Special meeting held on 20 March 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22/13 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Canham, Mrs Chapman-Allen, Mr Green, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Steward.

23/13 LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE : 4 APRIL 2013 (AGENDA ITEM 6)

- (1) Anglia Revenues Partnership – TUPE of ICT Staff (Minute No 10/13)

The recommendation was noted and would be taken into consideration when the matter was discussed under Agenda Item 7.

- (2) Adoption

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Local Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 4 April 2013 be adopted.

24/13 ANGLIA REVENUES PARTNERSHIP - TUPE OF ICT STAFF TO WEST SUFFOLK (AGENDA ITEM 7)

The ICT & Customer Services Manager presented the report and explained the background to the proposal to TUPE three members of staff to West Suffolk.

For a number of years Breckland, Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Councils had been working together informally supporting the ICT provision for the ARP. On 30 January 2013 the ARP Joint Committee had agreed that West Suffolk (Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Councils) should become responsible for ICT provision. Their recommendation had been agreed by Cabinet and Council. As the proposal meant the TUPE transfer of three Breckland staff the matter had been referred to the General Purposes Committee for their approval.

The three members of staff had been fully consulted. They were based in Thetford and would remain so. They had been working closely with staff from West Suffolk for some time and had a good relationship with them. They were happy with the proposals and the only change to their terms and conditions would be their pay date.

Mr Bambridge sought confirmation that the change would not mean the loss of skills that were not covered elsewhere. The ICT & Customer Services Manager advised that one person had done a lot of SQL work and his skills had been transferred to NCC. There would still be access to the staff through a reciprocal agreement with West Suffolk and the ARP Joint Committee to call on individual staff skills if necessary.

Mr Bambridge asked for his best wishes to be conveyed to the Officers for the future.

The Chairman noted that the risks had been greater before and that the service was in a better position now.

RESOLVED that three Breckland ICT staff/roles be TUPE transferred to West Suffolk.

25/13 SEX ESTABLISHMENTS AND SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES POLICY (AGENDA ITEM 8)

The Assistant Director for Commissioning presented the report. He was accompanied by the Assistant Licensing Officer.

The Policy had been based on National Guidance and would give the Council local control and discretion over the operation and siting of sex establishments.

A full consultation exercise had been carried out with only two

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responses. The Policy had been amended in response to the comments from the Police.

The following minor amendments were pointed out and the Policy would be amended accordingly:

- Paragraph 6.19 – final bullet point amended to read '*Premises where private entertainment booths are present*'
- Paragraph 8.3 – remove final sentence.
- Paragraph 12.5 – replace Licensing Committee with General Purposes Committee.

Mr Clark asked whether CCTV cameras would be in the private entertainment booths and was advised that the Police had responsibility for determining where cameras should be situated.

The Chairman referred to the list at Paragraph 6.19 and asked if it could be added to if necessary. It was confirmed that the list was indicative only and that the definitions gave a broader description of what was covered.

RESOLVED to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that the Sex Establishments and Sexual Entertainment Venues (as amended) be adopted.

A copy of the amended Policy is attached to the Minutes for clarity.

26/13 NEXT MEETING (AGENDA ITEM 9)

The arrangements for the next meeting, to be held on Wednesday 29 May 2013 (not as printed on the agenda) were noted.

The meeting closed at 10.23 am

CHAIRMAN