

## **BIG SOCIETY PANEL**

**19 NOVEMBER 2014**

PRESENT: Councillors David Burbage (Chairman), Natasha Airey, George Fussey, Jesse Grey, Lynne Jones and Philip Love.

Also Present: Councillor Wisdom Da Costa, Parish Councillors Chris Graham, Chairman of Bray Parish Council and Keith Robinson representing White Waltham Parish Council and Sue Brett from Foodshare.

Officers: Wendy Binmore, Andrew Elkington, Andrew Green, Harjit Hunjan, Cathryn James, Maria Lucas, Mark Methven, Dave Perkins, Michaela Rizou and Ingrid Summersgill.

### **PART I**

#### 29/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman announced to everyone present that the meeting would be audio recorded and requested that everyone spoke up.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors George Bathurst and Mrs Christine Bateson.

#### 30/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman stated an interest in the item 'Progress on Big Society Report' as he had carried out some part time work for the Enterprise Cube which worked with STRIVE.

#### 31/14 **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chairman allowed the Mr Chris Graham, Chairman of Bray Parish Council to speak and he requested the Progress on Big Society Report be brought forward as he and his colleagues had an interest in the elements of the report which related to Parish Councils.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That the order of business as detailed in the agenda be varied.**

#### 31/14 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 2 October 2014 be approved.**

#### 32/14 **OPEN KITCHEN/COMPETITION FOR NAME OF FOOD CLUB**

Sue Brett from Food Share gave a verbal update on where the Food Club was in terms of choosing a name and how it would operate. The club had moved along quite quickly and would take on a similar format to that of the Casserole Club; however, Sue was unable to use that name for the food club because there would be a membership fee payable to use it. It was decided that Sue would start her own club

and a competition was launched to find a suitable name for the club. There were over 70 entries for the name and over 100 people had volunteered to cook for the club to date.

Sue Brett explained that there were difficulties in finding who the people were that would be supported by the food club and who it was that the volunteers would be cooking for; so Sue had approached other organisations for help and information. She had contacted Housing Solutions as they had some Sheltered accommodation sites and asked if they knew of anybody who would benefit from the Food Club and could they make it known that Food Club was in existence and wanted to help. Sue stated she hoped to have the Food Club up and running by Christmas 2014.

Sue Brett confirmed there was no name for the Food Club yet but, she was going to be meeting with Andrew Green, Community Partnerships Coordinator, to go through all the entries from the competition to name the club and choose one. The Chairman said it was great to have so many entrants. Sue Brett confirmed there were over 100 volunteers ready to help once the club was up and running and she wanted to ensure that the food club was established before the really bad weather struck so there was a network in place that could help check on lonely, vulnerable people. The Chairman asked if there was anything the Council could do to help get the food club up and running. Sue Brett responded that she wanted the Council to continue supporting the scheme in the way that it had been.

Sue Brett confirmed that volunteers who were going to be carrying out the cooking would be given some training and guidelines in hygiene and safe cooking practices/food preparation. Due to there not being any money changing hands, the training would be quite basic.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager said that the scheme could be marketed using WAM Get Involved using their website. The Chairman said the Council could help advertise and market the scheme through the Maidenhead Advertiser. Sue Brett said she was happy for that to happen and it might help increase volunteer numbers. The Chairman suggested a photo shoot with a banner could be organised to help get the message out. Cllr Love suggested running an online poll to help choose the winner of naming the food club. The Community Partnerships Coordinator suggested coming up with a shortlist and then running the poll on the shortlisted names for a winner.

Sue Brett stated she was also working with Pledgebank. To launch the scheme in the borough, Councillor Bathurst had pledged to donate five nice items for Christmas if ten other people also donated five nice items which would go to those who needed it. The Chairman suggested Sue Brett tie the Pledgebank donation in with the Food Club scheme when she spoke to the Advertiser about running an article.

Sue Brett confirmed that the website for the Food Club was almost ready to launch and was just awaiting the Lead Member to sign off on it. Sue confirmed she was in talks with Windsor Foodbanks so the Food Club could expand into Windsor as well as Maidenhead.

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## PROGRESS ON BIG SOCIETY PROJECTS

### Devolution to Parishes

The Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead stated he had been engaging with all Parish and Town Councils and had held meetings with them. He was hoping to further build

and develop working relationships to progress further devolution of services. The Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead confirmed that the new approach had proved popular. Six Parishes were revisiting the offer of street cleaning services and other Parish and Town Councils were going through the process of devolution of some services.

The Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead stated that part of the dialogue involved discussing other areas that could be devolved, such as Parish verge maintenance and gritting services; Parishes were moving forward with that.

The Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead said he had received a warm welcome at the Parish Conference and explained that an Officer Working Group would hold dedicated workshops looking at devolving services. He added he would like to progress with a fresh menu of services with tertiary routes and verge maintenance.

The Chairman stated he wanted to rejuvenate Parishes that wanted to empower themselves but without all the burden of responsibility for funding. PCllr Chris Graham stated Parishes were interested in taking on decision making responsibility, such as spending of S106 money in Parishes and there were very valuable conversations to be had.

Cllr Jones stated she had a good meeting in Old Windsor with the Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead and it had been much more constructive and cooperative than previously. The Chairman agreed it made a positive difference being face to face at meetings. PCllr Keith Robinson commented he also had a good meeting with the Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead in White Waltham and he was in discussions with the Head of Planning on the devolution of Planning which was ongoing.

- ❖ **Action:** for the Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead to provide a fresh menu of services to be devolved and bring to the next meeting of the Big Society Panel.

### Adopt a Street

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager stated there was now over 1,000 volunteers and Riverside School had also joined the scheme. He stated there was a need to focus on secondary schools as they were the group hardest to get enrolled onto the scheme. The Community and Business Partnerships Manager suggested linking the scheme with a Duke of Edinburgh award.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager said he was trying to work with the Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead's team and incorporate it with the Keep Britain Tidy scheme to encourage more residents and food outlets to get involved.

The Chairman suggested giving the 1,000<sup>th</sup> volunteer a prize; they should be identified and the Borough should be celebrating them as we now have so many volunteers in the Borough.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager confirmed he had previously contacted local Neighbourhood Residential Associations, such as HRA but it had not been greatly successful, he added he would revisit that and contact them again to try and get some momentum going. The Chairman suggested that something could be done with schools; best kept school, for example. Windsor Boys School used to take part in a similar scheme to keep the school looking its best; that could be done again.

- ❖ **Action:** the Community and Business Partnerships Manager to investigate a best kept school scheme and to contact local residents associations regarding adopting a street.

### Participatory Budgeting

- Neighbourhood Budgets

The Community Partnerships Coordinator stated to date, voting figures were holding up with 19 projects ongoing. 1,400 people had voted so far and the project was still being marketed. The latest round of Participatory Budget would close on 8 December 2014 and he was anticipating targets would be met.

- Greenredeem

33 projects had reached their targets.

- Member Budgets

39 Members had spent some or all of their budgets. 25 Members were yet to spend anything. The Head of Policy and Performance reminded Members that the spending period ends on 31 December 2014 and after that date, all money will be lost.

The Chairman advised the Community Partnerships Team to encourage all groups participating in the Participatory Budgeting exercise to market their groups; particularly the smaller, local groups.

- Youth Participatory Budget

The Head of Policy & Performance stated stage one was underway. 12 applications were being voted on between 12 November 2014 and 12 December 2014. Cllr Airey explained 13 applications had been received but there was only one nomination in one of the categories so only 12 would go forward to be voted on. The winner would be announced at the Town Hall once voting had closed.

### Transparency

The Head of Policy and Performance stated there had been 186 hits on the website which was the highest number so far. Local Government Transparency Code of Conduct had been introduced and the borough was ahead of schedule in implementing the Code and publishing data. The requirements for the publishing of contracts and finance had been changed slightly. The Chairman commented that the Borough should be publishing everything. The Head of Legal Services confirmed she would liaise with the Policy and Performance Manager and check everything was being published as per the new code.

The Chairman said he wanted the Head of Policy & Performance to look at Freedom of Information (FOI) lists to see if there were things on it that should be published without needing an FOI request. Some of the information must be requested more often than other information. It was worth checking the FOI lists to make sure nothing was missed. The chairman also stated the number of individual hits to the website was not important; it should be to meet the Code of Conduct target and exceed it.

- ❖ **Action:** the Head of Policy & Performance to look into Freedom of Information requests to make sure everything that should be published on to the website is.

## Ways into Volunteering

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager confirmed the scheme had achieved 3,015 volunteers recruited and the team was on target to reach 3,200 by May 2015.

A Council Officers Group had been established so volunteers could be integrated. The group was due to meet again in December 2014 to explore opportunities to enable getting more volunteers to support the delivery of Council services. The WAM Get Involved website had over 100 organisations listed with areas they supported and where support was required. The Community and Business Partnerships Manager confirmed there was a calendar of events to promote civic involvement by encouraging people to volunteer, such as volunteer conferences, the Volunteer of the Year Awards and Best Kept Street.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager confirmed his team would help people to volunteer if they want to. Volunteers did not have to register on the WAM Get Involved website but, the website helped to channel volunteers to where they were needed. However, the website was not restrictive. The Chairman said he was pleased to see young ambassadors helping out on Armistice Day. The Neighbourhood & Streetscene Lead confirmed those helpers were Ceremonial Wardens. The scheme to recruit the wardens started two years ago and they regularly help out with ceremonial events. Cllr Airey stated the Youth Ambassadors did a great job at the Christmas Lights switch on in Town. The Chairman commented the website was good.

## Carebank

The Transformation Manager Learning Disabilities explained that Carebank was embedded into the area and was well organised. The total number of participants was 476 and was just under 80% of the years' target. Over 5,500 hours have been contributed to the scheme. The Chairman said he often talked about the scheme to other Boroughs. The Transformation Manager Learning Disabilities confirmed he would ask the RVS for figures on the retention of volunteers. The Chairman stated as the scheme was doing so well, it could be let go from the Big Society Panel and the Panel could review it as or when it was needed. The Head of Policy & Performance confirmed the scheme had been reviewed two years ago so it might be appropriate to have a paper brought back to Panel on Carebank. The Chairman suggested Members might want to think on it first.

## Recruitment to Parishes

The Community Partnerships Coordinator stated that the report on recruitment to parishes brought to the previous Big Society Panel stressed that election publicity in Parishes now needed to focus on May 2015. There was going to be an article in the Around the Royal Borough newsletter which was distributed from 19 November 2014. The Community Partnerships Coordinator stated the Panel had said that the borough was to actively work with Parishes and he was meeting Andrew Davies, Chairman of DALC at the end of November 2014 and would be looking to link with the DALC website.

The Chairman said it would make elections in 2015 more hectic as Borough elections fell on the same day as Parish elections. PCllr Chris Graham stated there was an approved Parish Council newsletter written by a Parish Councillor which stated why

she had become a Parish Councillor. PCllr Chris Graham endorsed PCllr Christine Gady's comments in the previous Big Society Panel's minutes.

PCllr Keith Robinson assured the Panel that the Parishes felt very positive towards elections but the administrative side of elections did not make it feel very good. 14 statutory days to call an election was daft and there were three candidates for a Parish election. He had provided some suggestions that were being published in the NALC Magazine. The Chairman said Cox Green had a vacancy for ages and without co-option, the vacancy would stay. PCllr Chris Graham stated the Parishes and Borough needed to work together to make people want to be Parish Councillors. The Chairman offered his full support and explained that was one of the reasons why the Borough wanted to devolve services, the Community and Business Partnerships Manager commented there was a DALC action plan. He had spoken to Andrew Davies to see if the plan could be moved along. He was going to pick it up with Andrew Davies after or before the election. Cllr Grey stated he was trying to make sure there was an election in Datchet Parish Council. If there were not enough people put forward to stand then there would not be an election. He was trying to encourage people to stand.

PCllr Chris Graham confirmed the Head of Legal Services had been very helpful in offering advice to Parish Councillors regarding declaring interests in Planning Committee meetings. Usually, if there was an interest where a Parish Councillor knew an applicant personally, the interest is declared and dispensation given. The Chairman stated it was a better system now than it was. PCllr Keith Robinson explained they tried to pinpoint whether or not something was a pecuniary interest or not. PCllr Chris Graham stated some people saw it as a reason not to stand as a Parish Councillor because it was about making decisions on things people were close to. PCllr Keith Robinson said the Parish Council had been knocking on doors to get people involved in the 2015 elections. He had given Cllr Airey a copy of the Woodlands Park News which contained an advertisement over two pages on elections.

### Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Members noted that this item would be discussed in greater detail later on as there was a full report on Recruitment to Parishes.

### Bright Idea Challenge Prize

Members noted that this item would be discussed in greater detail later on as there was a full report on the Bright Idea Challenge Prize.

### Start Your Own Business

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager stated STRIVE courses continued to run and there had been 62 participants to date with 28 places available on the course which was running till March 2015. There were plans to bring forward proposals on how STRIVE moved forward. Radian had indicated they were considering making funding available to support participants and Housing Solutions also pledged to continue to support the programme.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager confirmed the drop out rate was minimal with most participants completing the course. The Chairman commented 24 or 25 participants completed their courses with finished business plans.

### Pledgebank

Members noted Pledgebank would be launched the week commencing 24 November 2014. The Chairman said he hoped the launch went well and received good media coverage.

### Developing Social Enterprise

Members noted that this item would be discussed in greater detail later on as there was a full report on Developing Social Enterprises..

### Adopt a Highway

Members noted that this item would be discussed in greater detail later on as there was a full report on Adopt A Highway..

### Loneliness

Cllr Love stated a leaflet had been produced to help tackle loneliness and it was a step forward. Organisations had told Cllr Love that they knew who the lonely people were but, due to data protection rules were unable to identify them to the Council. The organisations had recommended the Council produced a leaflet that they could deliver to those who were lonely. The first 1,000 had been printed with a total of 5,000 to be delivered. Cllr Love also mentioned a helpline called Silver Line that lonely people could ring and establish a contact who they could talk to on a regular basis. It helped people feel less isolated.

The Head of Policy & Performance said the Community Partnerships Team were mapping hotspots of loneliness so it was easier for agencies to target those people. The Chairman stated that at a Dragons Den event he had attended, one of the participants had developed an idea to help look after or chaperone a lonely person. It was a companionship service which was sensitive to individuals that used the service.

Cllr Love confirmed the next meeting of stakeholders trying to help lonely people would be held on 11 December 2014. He had attended a meeting of stakeholders three months ago and it was agreed they would help influence medical centres and GP surgeries to distribute the leaflet. An article would also be placed in the Around the Royal Borough newsletter. Cllr Love commented that 30 million visits to the GP per year were due to people who felt lonely and wanted someone to talk to. The Chairman said he had also had experience of that when he had listened in on Customer Service Centre Calls at the Borough. He added the Customer Service Centre could signpost people and considered intercepting points in calls. Cllr Jones commented day centres were an ideal place to leave the leaflets. Cllr Fussey offered to take some of the leaflets to Eton as they had a day centre there. Cllr Airey said there were a lot of café's in the community with notice boards where the leaflets could be pinned. The Chairman commented that some young people were also lonely and lost connection with society; they could need help too. The Community and Business Partnerships Manager stated WAM Get Involved were reaching out to communities and had done some great work in addressing loneliness.

- ❖ **Action:** the Community and Business Partnerships Manager to look at medical practitioners and centres to help distribute leaflets.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That: Members noted and commented on the progress of the Big Society Projects.**

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#### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY – PROGRESS UPDATE

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager drew the attention of Members to the recommendations of the report on page two. He explained that the Managing Director of McFarlane Telfer, Chris Craggs had been invited to the next Big Society Panel meeting to present the proposal on the Business Exchange Network and the businesses involved in the proposals were listed on page three of the report in paragraph 2.1; it would be a community wide project and included schemes, such as setting up donation schemes for flood victims.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager stated 40 businesses had been contacted and 20 had responded so contact was being maintained. WAM Get Involved were able to help businesses with specialised needs, such as accountancy skills to be matched with volunteer groups and '3' Mobile were helping the team to develop businesses taking the lead on the project.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager explained that paragraph 2.2 on page 3 of the report showed how the Borough could encourage more businesses to take the lead; businesses responded better to businesses. He added Chris Craggs had been talking to the Community Partnerships Team for a while about a matching businesses and volunteers website he was developing which allowed businesses to register the resources they had available so volunteer groups could see if those resources could be utilised. It was a pilot scheme at present and the scheme needed to work for both parties using the service.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager stated the appendix outlined in more detail than the report how the website was being developed and the steps that were to be taken. He was pleased businesses wanted to get involved but it was not so pleasing they were requesting £25,000 for start up costs. The Chairman commented the Borough already used the services of WAM Get Involved to do a similar thing but he looked forward to Chris Craggs attending the next meeting to discuss the proposal in more detail.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That:**

- i. Members noted the progress made by the Council in encouraging local businesses to participate in CSR in particular around promoting employee volunteering.**
- ii. That the Council continues to engage with local employers and their representative groups to increase participation in local CSR activity and in particular to encourage the business community to take the lead in developing, promoting and coordinating local CSR activity where possible.**
- iii. Members noted and commented on the progress being made to develop a local CSR Business Exchange Employers Network which sought to match the resource offered by businesses to the local needs of the community identified. The Chairman of the network was invited to present the proposal at the next meeting of the Panel.**



The Community and Business Partnerships Manager stated the take up of the scheme had not been as high as expected. The report looked to see if there could be some initiatives that encouraged increased activity.

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager explained how similar schemes in the United States worked and there were examples given in paragraph 2.1 of the report. Some of the incentives to encourage businesses to join the scheme included providing free parking for employees that volunteered, giving a reduction in business rates or offering free advertising along the adopted highway.

The Chairman stated he had offered to write to businesses to encourage them to sign up but, he had not been asked to do that yet. He wanted to proceed with the project and did not see any reason why it would not work in the Borough. Cllr Love suggested businesses could use the Adopt a Highway logo on their letterheads. He added employers loved employees who helped the local community and which benefit the employee, such as reduced gym membership for employees. The Chairman felt the offer of advertising on roadsides would be more effective. He was not keen on incentive three of the report which offered Advantage Cards for businesses and participating employees. The Chairman said he wanted the scheme marketed further and he was happy to engage in the process of attracting employers to join up. If a budget was required, the scheme was to be brought back to Panel.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That:**

- i. Members considered the options proposed at 2.7 and 2.8 and provided direction on those that should be developed further by the Council.**
- ii. If a budget is required for the scheme, Officers are to bring a report back to Panel.**

The Community Partnerships Coordinator stated there was a blurred relationship between Social Enterprise and Council services. He added as a consequence, he proposed applying criteria on which future decisions should be based. Those included:

- i. The Council would favour proposals that had been generated from outside the Council from the voluntary, community sector or from local communities over proposals put forward by Directorates or groups of staff.
- ii. Proposals from outside organisations would not normally be supported if they are heavily dependent on on-going Council support/funding or there was no clear evidence that they were offering a service the Council had an interest in purchasing.
- iii. Proposals from outside organisations would be considered (subject to other criteria being met) if there was evidence that the relevant Directorate and/or the Lead Member wished to purchase the service, it led to the better delivery of services for residents and was a sustainable business model.
- iv. Proposals from outside organisations were more likely to be favoured if the bid organisation would not be the Council's sole provider and/or could evidence that there were other markets for their service.
- v. Proposals that have been generated from within the Council will be considered, subject to the availability of funds and competing demands from community based organisations that meet the criteria.

The Community Partnerships Coordinator said sometimes, the team received applications for start up funding where the business proposition was the Council would purchase a service it does not currently deliver or have a budget for.. Those were the proposals that should be turned down.

The Community Partnerships Coordinator stated the team would like to receive funding for Open4 You Lettings. The Social Enterprise provided new sources of temporary accommodation for those who needed it. He wanted to award £19,000 to the organisation. Cllr Love stated there were criteria that Social Enterprises had to meet. Open4 You Lettings procured properties from lettings landlords; it was good value for money and helped the Council. The Community Partnerships Coordinator explained it was sometimes necessary to get advice from Directorates with expert knowledge of the proposed service and he wanted to get departments, such as Adult Services involved. The Council needed to ensure the Social Enterprise applications for council related services were for a service that was better than what the Council could deliver and was good value for money.

The chairman stated he was supportive of the general direction of the criteria proposals but he wanted an amendment to criteria three so that it included the Lead Member in decision making along with the Directorate. He added the Working Party could set the rules on criteria five. The Community Partnerships Coordinator said the Working Party met to discuss proposals for a Solar Energy bid. It was proposed that £20,000 would be awarded providing that four schools signed up to their scheme. Cllr Love explained they needed to make sure enough schools were on board to make the scheme work; it was not a strong business plan so it had been pushed back for now. The Community Partnerships Coordinator stated there had been significant input from Cllr Coppinger and the Energy Officer and a condition had been put on the bid. The Social Enterprise would receive £10,000 for the first phase of the scheme if four schools signed up to the proposed scheme and a further £10,000 on completion of the first phase..

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager confirmed all businesses had to prove they were viable. Some businesses were confused because it was not a grant that was being offered. The Chairman said he agreed to the criteria.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That: Members endorsed the criteria proposed at 2.11 and that criteria three should now read:**

**‘Proposals from outside organisations would be considered (subject to other criteria being met) if there was evidence from the relevant Directorate and/or the Lead Member that the Directorate would be interested to purchase the service, it led to the better delivery of services for residents and was a sustainable business model.’**

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#### GREENREDEEM – REVIEW AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHEME

The Policy and Performance Manager stated the scheme had been more successful than originally envisaged. 700,000 points on average were donated every month. There were 33 schemes ongoing and changes included allowing grants recipients to be included on the list. The most popular causes were sports and young people based but also, homeless projects and animal causes. If the scheme was to continue, additional funding would be necessary. She added the scheme would need to find a way to see causes that got funding were wide ranging. The Policy and Performance Manager said that when grants recipients were invited onto the list, only eight of the

16 invited came forward. It was not automatic to be added to the list but that could be changed so that it was automatic.

Members noted recommendations i-iv on page 2 of the report. The Policy and Performance Manager stated an increase in funding would not be necessary for the rest of the financial year but, she was asking to see additional funding on top of the £25,000 budget for the financial year 2015-16. The Head of Policy and Performance confirmed a bid of £25,000 had already been submitted for the next year. The Chairman stated that the bid would need uplifting. The scheme was very successful and it could be marketed to grant applicants. He was surprised only eight grant recipients had come forward.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That Members:**

- i. Supported a policy decision to maximise the number of groups of the list that sought Greenredeem points (in line with Greenredeem criteria).**
- ii. Request that in order for the programme to be financially stable that an additional £38,000 of capital expenditure is added to the £25,000 already budgeted for based on current demand.**
- iii. Review the scheme in four months' time to ensure that it is offering a genuine choice for residents and continues to provide an attractive avenue for them to donate points to specific local causes, and to review projections in light of further of further data available.**
- iv. Continue to maintain links with Neighbourhood Budgets and grant applications.**

38/14 CHALLENGE PRIZE – PROGRESS OF THE YEAR 2 COMPETITION

The Community Partnerships Coordinator stated the report was an update on the competition. The scheme was at the stage where the winning ideas had to be implemented. Officers had each been assigned to an idea and the idea for a Park Run was at an advanced stage and required £3,000 to affiliate it to the national scheme.

The Community Partnerships Coordinator explained there was a report going to the Corporate Management Team in December 2014 requesting support with implementation of the ideas. The recommendation to the Big Society Panel was to re-establish the Working Party to agree how to split the prize money. £15,000 will need to be divided between the six winners. The Chairman said he did not think the £20,000 prize money was to fund the junior competition. He said if Park Run only needed £3,000 then the budget might be ok. The Community Partnerships Coordinator confirmed Eton College contributed to the junior award. The Community and Business Partnerships Manager stated as Officers started to develop the projects and meetings took place, progress reports would be brought back to the Panel. The Chairman commented he wanted the winners engaged with implementing their ideas.

The Community Partnerships Coordinator stated there was a recommendation for the next year of the scheme to include more categories; he felt there were lessons to be learnt, such as not running the junior section during the school holidays and that colleagues from education need to be involved from the start..

The Community and Business Partnerships Manager said that Cllr Bathurst was keen to implement some of the good ideas which did not win.

- ❖ **Action:** The Cabinet Policy Assistant to look through the list of submitted ideas that did not win the Challenge Prize to see if there is anything that can be successfully implemented.
- ❖ **Action:** To arrange a sub-committee with Cllr Fussey and Cllr Airey to plan what to do for next year.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That:**

**Members are asked to:**

- i. **Note and comment on the progress made in implementing the Council's 2014 competition as detailed within the report.**
- ii. **Endorse a recommendation that the Challenge Prize Working Group meet to allocate the BICP fund available to implement the winning ideas or delegate authority to the Lead Member for Policy and Performance to do so.**
- iii. **Delegate authority to the Community Partnerships Team to consider additional categories for the 2015/16 BICP.**

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The meeting, which began at 7.00pm, concluded at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN: .....

DATE: .....