

## Minutes of the Charities and Trusts Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2019

Present:

### Attendance

Michael Greatorex  
David Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Paul Snape

**Apologies:** Kath Perry

### PART ONE

#### 52. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

#### 53. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2019

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 54. Stafford 14-19 Partnership

The Committee received the Stafford 14-19 Partnership Business Plan 2019-24 and were requested to approve it. They were informed that the Stafford 14-19 Partnership was a collaboration of five schools in Stafford offering a large curriculum in wider subject which were not always available in other schools. The Partnership is currently in dialogue with other local 14-19 providers to extend the Partnership and support the delivery of a wider curriculum offer.

At the Charities and Trusts Committee meeting on 12 June 2018, the Committee approved in principle that it would fund £150,000 into the partnership for the 2019/20 academic year, however, as during the 2018/19 financial year, a restructure of the partnership central staffing team had resulted in a significant saving on staffing costs (£55,492), the request for funding would be £94,508 for 2019/20. For 2020/21 in order to meet the anticipated shortfall on income due to estimated lower pupil numbers accessing central Partnership Courses, the Partnership requested a sum of £185, 492 for the 2020/21 academic year.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the Trustees of the Charities and Trusts Committee review and approve the Stafford 14-19 Partnership Business Plan 2019-2024

(b) That the Committee approves the funding request to the Staffordshire Education Centre Charity (registered number 528604) as set out in the Business Plan for 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years:

For 2019/20 academic year this will be a sum of £94,508 as set out in the Business Plan, this is a reduction of £55,492 on the amount (£150,000) approved in principle by the Trustees at the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Committee meeting. This reduction is due to 2018/19 in-year savings primarily against the Partnership staffing costs as a result of a restructure;

For 2020/21 academic year the Stafford 14-19 Partnership is requesting an estimated sum of £185,492 as set out in the Business Plan (page 25). This increase is required to meet the anticipated shortfall on income due to lower pupil numbers accessing central Partnership courses. This will be explained in more detail at the Committee meeting.

(c) That the Committee approves Staffordshire County Council's County Commissioner for Skills and Employability to continue to be authorised to approve the release of funds set out above subject to the successful delivery of the 2019/20 element of the Business Plan.

#### **55. The Broom, Dosthill, Tamworth - Verbal update**

The Committee discussed that there was no public liability insurance for land at the Broom. The Committee enquired as to whether there was any other land for which they acted as trustee which did not current have public liability insurance and requested that officers look into the implications of including any land, not covered by public liability insurance as part the County Councils public liability insurance.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the Committee request a list of all land which they act as trustees, which do not have public liability insurance.

(b) That the Committee request the land not covered by public liability insurance be included in the County Councils public liability insurance.

#### **56. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**RESOLVED** – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below.

#### **57. Exempt Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2019**

(Exemption paragraph 3)

#### **58. Landau Forte Academy update**

(Exemption paragraph 3)

**Chairman**