



**REPORT of
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**to
COUNCIL
27 OCTOBER 2016**

ADDENDUM

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR
DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

4. PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

At the time the report was published, the Minutes of this Committee were awaiting finalisation and publication. This has now been completed and below is a link to these Minutes along with the full Minute extract for those items of business with recommendations to the Council. Please note that the recommendations are unchanged and as detailed in the report at Agenda Item 9.

4.1 [Web link to Minutes for the above meeting](https://democracy.maldon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=133&MIId=1065&Ver=4).

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**4.3 MINUTE 525 - MAGNOX SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCHEME - NEW BID FOR GRANT
FUNDING TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF BRADWELL POWER STATION MOVING
INTO CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

4.3.1 Minute Extract:

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services seeking Members' support for the submission of a bid to the Magnox Socio-Economic scheme for a range of projects which would have a significant impact on the economic well-being of the Dengie and Maldon District.

Members were reminded of the Socio-Economic Scheme and how the Council had submitted a bid to it identifying Bradwell Power Station as an important component of the Maldon District economy. The report outlined the funding received and its allocation in response to the bid.

Magnox were now encouraging the Bradwell Legacy Partnership (BLP) to submit a new bid to fund activity which would build on existing success and seek to impact on the long-term economic well-being of the District. The report identified the three funding aims coming out of the Magnox Socio Economic Plan 2016 / 2019

The report set out a number of key projects identified in the BLP Action Plan 2016 / 17 which would help to increase the value of tourism to the District, support business and employment growth, engage people in promoting the District as a destination of

choice and value the Districts public art offer. It was noted that these were indicative only.

A lengthy debate ensued during which Members discussed the projects detailed in the report and individual Members advised of some that they felt they could support and others they could not. The Chairman reminded the Committee that the list of projects was indicative and the Council could state those in principle it wished to support and those where concerns were raised.

Councillor M F L Durham proposed that the recommendations as set out in the report not be supported. This proposal was duly seconded.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the projects had been through the Committee and drew caution to not supporting the projects having previously considered them. Significant funding was now available with opportunity for the Council to offer its support to some and raise concerns regarding others i.e. where possible match funding was required. The Chairman proposed that this be a recommendation to the Council because should there be match funding the corporate Member Task and Finish Working Group may need to consider some of these elements.

Following further debate Councillor Miss M R Lewis proposed that the Council supports as a priority the following projects:

- Enterprise Centre and Growth Hub;
- Saltmarsh Hub;
- Circular Off-Road Cycle Path;
- Tourism Ambassadors;
- Maldon District Wine Region.

The above projects would allow other Partners to be interested in other parts of the bid. She felt this would be a more cohesive bid.

At this point, Councillor Durham advised that he felt that the projects relating to the Large Public Art and Feasibility Study for the use of the Bradwell Reactor Cladding should be removed. The Chairman noted that Councillor Miss Lewis had not included them in her proposal. Councillor Durham advised that he was happy to amend his earlier proposal with removal of the projects he had referred to.

In response to a question regarding the capital or revenue required from the Council, the Chairman advised that at this moment none was required and if this situation changed a report would be brought back to the Committee for consideration.

At this point Councillor Durham clarified his earlier proposal advising that he was in support of some of the projects but could not approve the recommendation as set out in the report.

The Chairman put the recommendation as set out in the report, duly seconded. Upon a vote being taken this motion was declared lost.

Councillor Miss Lewis then made an alternative proposal, proposing that the Council supported a basket of projects in principle, with specific support being given to the following projects, but specifically excluding the Feasibility Study for the use of the Bradwell Reactor Cladding:

- Enterprise Centre and Growth Hub;
- Saltmarsh Hub;
- Circular Off-Road Cycle Path;
- Ferry Provision between Bradwell, Mersea Island, Wallasea , Burnham-on-Crouch and Tollesbury;
- Tourism Ambassadors;
- Maldon District Wine Region.

This proposal was duly seconded and upon a vote being taken was agreed.

4.4 MINUTE 526 - MALDON COMMUNITY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROJECT

4.4.1 Minute Extract:

The Committee received the report of the Chief Executive on progress of the Maldon Community Services and Community Hospital Project.

The report set out at Appendix 1 a letter received from the Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in response to concerns raised by the Community Hospital Working Group (CHWG) regarding progress and re-stating its commitment to the project. The CCG had now appointed an experienced Project Manager who had met with Officers recently and was due to meet with the CHWG shortly. It also set out details of work undertaken by consultants commissioned by the CCG, current repair work being undertaken at St Peter's Hospital, the Essex Success Regime, the arrangements being made for Health Organisation representatives to return to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the impending first meeting of the Project Board.

An addendum to the report set out the recommendations from the Community Services Committee who had considered this report at its meeting on 30 August 2016. It was noted that the Community Services Committee had made a recommendation to the Council to consider preparing a business case for the provision of a new community hospital to service the local community of the Maldon District.

Councillor M F L Durham proposed that the recommendation set out in the report including the additional recommendation coming forward from the Community Services Committee be agreed. This proposal was duly seconded and agreed.

4.5 MINUTE 531 – REVIEW OF DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.5.1 Minute Extract:

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services seeking Members' agreement to recommend to the Council changes to the existing delegation arrangements.

The report set out Central Government Planning Practice Guidance on the focus for these arrangements and the potential impact such arrangements may have on performance. This was further examined in the national context and then in relation to this Council's own performance. The report then examined key components of the existing arrangements such as 'the Parish Trigger', and how they were operated in relation to 'Major Applications' and also previously refused schemes and 'departure' applications. It was noted that the Parish Trigger was seen as the biggest constraint currently on the use of delegated powers at Maldon.

Recommendations were made to revise these aspects of the delegation arrangements and it was noted that proposed changes would not impact on the ability for Members to 'call in' a planning application to be determined by a Committee instead of through Officer delegation.

The report concluded that the review and proposed revision of the delegation arrangements would enable the timely processing of applications which would improve performance in line with national indicators. It would also help reduce the potential workload of Area Committees to enable Members to focus their attention on the more complex and strategic proposals.

In response to a question regarding a Parish / Town Councils handbook being produced, the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services advised that this would be issued following final amendments. A number of Members' expressed concern regarding the delay in sending this information to Parish Councils and in response the Director advised that he would the handbook to Members in the next few days, prior to it going out to Parish / Town Councils. Members were advised that a training event had been organised for Parish / Town Councils but had been postponed because of poor take up. Following introduction of the handbook that training would be reoffered.

The Chairman advised that recommendation (iii) should refer to (b)(i)2. This was noted. It was agreed that the Minutes should include reference (including tracked changes) to the Terms of Reference to ensure clearer understanding of changes proposed.

Councillor Mrs M E Thompson proposed that the recommendations as set out in the report be agreed. The Chairman further amended this proposal that the recommendations be subject to further clarification of the actual changes through the use of tracked changes.

Councillor E L Bamford proposed that recommendation (v) not be agreed. The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services clarified that overturned planning applications would still be brought before an Area Planning Committee / the Council. This was not supported.

Councillor B S Beale proposed that where a Parish or Town Council did not provide reason as to why they were against an application a member of the Parish / Town Council should attend the Committee meeting. This proposal was not supported.

Upon a vote being taken the recommendations as set out in the report with clarification as requested by Councillor Mrs Channer were agreed.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 11 OCTOBER 2016

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