

601. ANNUAL GRANTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Committee considered the report on Annual Grants and other annual payments under its authority.

RESOLVED that the payment of Annual Grants and other annual payments for 2019/20 be approved as presented in the report.

602. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019-20

Committee reviewed the Council's Community Engagement Strategy which was presented with minor updates from the previous year 2019-20.

A Member suggested that during the next year a Working Group be set up with the task to review at the Community Engagement Strategy to ensure all aspects of social media are included.

It was RESOLVED that :

- i. the Community Engagement Strategy as presented be approved and recommended to Council for adoption for 2019-20.**
- ii. Committee would consider setting up a Working Group to review at the Community Engagement Strategy during the next Municipal Year.**

603. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Committee considered the report on the Annual Town Meeting, and the Deputy Town Clerk gave further details of format for 8 May 2019.

Members were pleased that the format for the Annual Town Meeting worked so well since its introduction the previous year and agreed the changes suggested in the report would further improve the public engagement.

Members were content with the current arrangement for the selection of the Civic Awards and suggested that the formation of the panel be reconsidered in the new Municipal Year as previously agreed (*Minute #625 2017/18 refers*).

Members requested that purchase of professional badges with the ability to also be lanyards if preferred, be purchased with each Councillor's name so they can be kept and used for the duration of the four year term.

It was RESOLVED that:

- i. The report on the Annual Town Meeting be noted with improvements to be made;**
- ii. Civic & Communities Committee reconsider the civic awards panel at its meeting on 19 June 2019; and**

- iii. **Professional badges for Councillors be purchased, to be kept for the duration of the four year term.**

604. SUFFOLK DAY 2019

Members considered the Suffolk Day 2019 update report, and discussed ideas for marking the weekend. The Deputy Town Clerk updated committee on other enquiries that had been received regarding other events for the Suffolk Day weekend.

It was RESOLVED that:

- i. **the Suffolk Day 2019 report be noted, and:**
- ii. **room hire for any community events at the Town Hall be free of charge for the day of 21 June 2019, subject to availability and;**
- iii. **newly elected Councillors be invited to make cakes to bring for the Suffolk Day Tea and cake event at the Town Hall on 21 June 2019.**

605. ARMED FORCES WEEKEND LEGACY GRANT UPDATE

Members noted the decision of the awarding panel to date in regards to the latest grant to the Royal British Legion.

It was noted that the funding pot stood at £2,930 from an initial fund of 10,796.

It was RESOLVED that the decision of the awarding panel be noted.

606. MAYOR'S CIVIC RECEPTION

Members received the report on the Mayor's Civic Reception. There were concerns regarding whether the venue of Harvest House would be big enough with the visitors from Salzwedel.

RESOLVED that the report on the Mayor's Civic Reception be noted, and that Harvest House be confirmed as the venue, subject to capacity.

607. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 8.03pm. The next meeting was noted as being scheduled for Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 7.30pm.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____