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| MEETING | DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, CULTURE & SOCIAL INCLUSION |
| DATE | 13 MARCH 2012 |
| PRESENT | COUNCILLOR CRISP |
| IN ATTENDANCE | COUNCILLOR BARTON |

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests that she might have had in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

37. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion held on 14 February 2012 be signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

38. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-DECISION SESSION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

39. ST NICHOLAS FIELDS FUNDING AGREEMENT

The Cabinet Member considered a report that sought approval for a three year funding agreement to 31.5.2015 with the Friends of St Nicholas Fields for the management, upkeep and animation of the St Nicholas Fields Local Nature Reserve.

Officers gave an update and stated that the current funding would end on 31 March 2012. Officers stated that the new funding amount was inline with changes to other recipients of Council grants and included an 8% cut in payment per annum.

The impact of this would be delayed for six months until October 2012.

The Cabinet Member stated that the Friends of St Nicholas Fields do an exceptional job and agreed to option 1.

RESOLVED: That Option 1 be approved:

To offer the Friends of St Nicolas Fields a three year funding agreement as set out in paragraphs 5, 7 and 8 for the management of St Nicholas Fields Local Nature Reserve.

Reason: To meet the ambitions of the Council Plan to support communities managing their own green spaces.

Councillor Crisp, Cabinet Member

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.06 pm].