

TRADING BOARD 20 NOVEMBER 2013

Present :- Councillor Scott Greenhill (Chairman)
Councillors Kevin Bentley, Andrew Ellis, Bill Frame,
Julia Havis, Cyril Liddy and Terry Sutton

Also in Attendance :- Councillor Nick Barlow
Councillor Beverley Oxford
Councillor Will Quince
Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Anne Turrell

16. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2013, including the not for publication extract published in Part B of the Agenda, were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting. It was suggested that in view of the Trading Board's responsibilities the minutes of future meetings should include action points and timescales.

RESOLVED that-

- (a) the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.
- (b) future minutes of meetings of the Trading Board should include action points and timescales.

For action by:	Target Date
Democratic Services Officer	December 2013

17. Work Programme 2013/14

Councillor Liddy suggested that the Trading Board should give consideration to the introduction of a supermarket levy within the Borough. The Sustainable Communities Act enabled local authorities to levy a small charge on large supermarkets. Although such supermarkets were commercially very successful, the local communities in which they were located gained comparatively little benefit from them. The aim of the levy was to secure greater community benefit for local communities from the profits large supermarkets gained. He believed the idea warranted further research.

It was suggested by other members of the Committee that as part of the research, the following issues should also be addressed:-

- the likely response to such a levy by large supermarkets, particularly whether the

- costs of the levy would simply be passed on to consumers;
- the extent and value of community engagement currently undertaken by supermarkets;
- what other possible options existed under the planning system to establish a community fund.

RESOLVED that the consideration of a supermarket levy be added to the Work Programme and that further research into the issues around the introduction of a levy be conducted, to include the following:-

- the likely response to such a levy by large supermarkets, particularly whether the costs of the levy would simply be passed on to consumers;
- the extent and value of community engagement currently undertaken by supermarkets;
- what other possible options existed under the planning system to establish a community fund.

For action by:	Target Date
Democratic Services Officer (inclusion on work programme)	December 2013
Head of Commercial Services (research on supermarket levy)	March 2014

18. Commercial Review of the Cemetery and Crematorium

The Board resolved under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

This minute is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).