

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 16 March 2017

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

Councillor S D Martin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: B Bayford, S Cunningham, M J Ford, JP, L Keeble, A Mandry, Ms S Pankhurst and C J Wood

Also Present: Councillors T M Cartwright, MBE (Item 8), K D Evans (Item 7) and Mrs K Mandry (Item 6)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 31 January 2017, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S WORK PROGRAMME

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which gave a final review of the Board's work programme for 2016/17 and the draft work programme for 2017/18.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs K Mandry, Executive Member for Health and Housing addressed the Panel on this item.

The Director of Finance and Resources addressed the Board on this item regarding a scoping report on Two Saints which had been tabled at the meeting, (Attached as Appendix A).

The report was a result of the request made by Councillor Cunningham at the meeting of the Board held on 31 January 2017, asking for Two Saints to come to a future meeting of the Board to give a presentation. The report outlined Councillor Cunningham's questions and provided some background information of organisation. Members' agreed that they would like to invite Two Saints to give a presentation to the Board at its meeting on 18 May 2017.

The Director of Planning and Regulation also addressed the Board and informed them that he had been in discussion with Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich regarding the review of Police Force in Hampshire, and that she had indicated she would be willing to give a presentation to the Board on the outcome of the performance review of Hampshire Police.

It was AGREED that Members:-

- (a) reviewed the outcome of the work programme of the Scrutiny Board for 2016/17;

- (b) inform the Council of the Board's view on the outcome of the call-in arrangement for 2016/17;
- (c) include a presentation by Two Saints to the Board's meeting on 18 May 2017;
- (d) include a presentation from Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich on the Review of Police Performance in Hampshire, at a date to be confirmed;
- (e) subject to the inclusion of (c) and (d) above, approve the provisional work programme of the Board for 2017/18; and
- (f) submit the provisional work programme of the Board for 2017/18 to the Council.

7. PRESENTATION BY, AND QUESTIONING OF, THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board received a presentation by the Executive Member for Planning and Development which reviewed the services within the portfolio over the past 2 years. The presentation included details on:-

- Planning Strategy
- Review of the Local Plan
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Regeneration projects for Fareham and Portchester
- Regeneration Funding Bids
- Parking Strategy & Transport Liaison
- Delivery of Welborne Garden Village
- Tree Strategy
- Conservation Strategy
- Building Control Partnership
- Coastal Management Partnership

The Executive Member for Planning and Development answered members' questions concerning the presentation.

It was AGREED that the Executive Member for Planning and Development be thanked for his very informative presentation.

8. RECEIVE MINUTES OF MEETING OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANELS

The Board was asked to receive the minutes of the Policy Development and Review Panels held since 1 January 2017.

(1) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 10 January 2017 of Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel

The Chairman of the Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor A Mandry was invited to present the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 28 February 2017 of Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel

The Chairman of the Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor A Mandry was invited to present the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2017.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(3) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 17 January 2017 of Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel

The Chairman of the Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor M J Ford, JP was invited to present the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2017.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

The Chairman then invited Councillor Cartwright to join the meeting. He gave the Board a brief update on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Council Tax Precept for 2017/18.

The key points noted were:

- Government funding is decreasing;
- The National Funding Formula leaves a shortfall of £13m;
- Hampshire is a low cost/value for money constabulary;
- The public were consulted on the proposed precept and were generally supportive of the £5 per annum increase (Band D property); and
- Robust review and scrutiny undertaken by Finance Working Group and endorsed by the Police and Crime Panel.

It was AGREED Councillor Cartwright was thanked for his informative update.

(4) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 18 January 2017 of Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel

The Chairman of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor Ms S Pankhurst was invited to present the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2017.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(5) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 1 March 2017 of Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel

The Chairman of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor Ms S Pankhurst was invited to present the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2017.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(6) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 19 January 2017 of Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel

The Chairman of the Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor B Bayford was invited to present the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2017.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(7) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 26 January 2017 of Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel

The Chairman of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor L Keeble was invited to present the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2017.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairman invited members to indicate if they wished to consider any other item of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Board.

There were no other items of Executive Business considered.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.50 pm).