

Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 31 January 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 Councillor Miss S M Bell, Executive Member for Leisure and

Present: Community (Item 7)



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 22 December 2016 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. PRELIMINARY OVERALL REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17 AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Board's work programme for the current year 2016/17, and asked members to consider the work programme for 2017/18.

The Chairman drew member's attention to Appendix B of the report which contained a list of organisations which help to support the delivery of public services within the Borough, and asked if there were any of the listed organisations that the Board would like to invite to a future meeting. Councillor Cunningham suggested that a presentation from 2 Saints would be beneficial to the Board especially in light of the recent Public Spaces Protection Order that the Council has introduced in the Town Centre. The Director of Finance and Resources addressed the Panel and suggested that he meet with Councillor Cunningham to draft a scoping report which can be brought back to the Board for agreement on the information that the Board would like 2 Saints to provide to them.

Councillor Cunningham also suggested that a presentation on PUSH could be useful to the Board. The Director of Finance and Resources explained that PUSH has its own Scrutiny arrangements and as a result did not feel that it would be appropriate to invite them to the Board. The Director of Planning and Regulation advised that he would speak to Councillor Cunningham after the meeting regarding this.

It was AGREED that Members:-

(a) agreed the current work programme for 2016/17;

(b) give initial consideration for items for the 2017/18 work programme; and

(c) in addition to the scoping report for 2 Saints give further consideration for any other external review they may wish to carry out in 2017/18.

7. PRESENTATION BY, AND QUESTIONING OF, THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR LEISURE AND COMMUNITY

The Board received a presentation by the Executive member for Leisure and Community on the performance of the services within the Leisure and Community portfolio over the past two years, and on future plans. The presentation included details on:-

- Finances (Revenue and Capital Budgets)
- Leisure Centres
- Play Area Improvement Programme
- Community Centres
- Westbury Manor Museum
- Leisure and Town Centre Events
- Community Funding
- Sports Club Liaison
- Community Service Level Agreements
- Youth Facilities
- Y CAT meetings
- Defibrillator Scheme
- Countryside Ranger Service
- Ferneham Hall
- Key Projects

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community answered members' questions concerning the presentation.

It was AGREED that the Executive Member for Leisure and Community be thanked her very information presentation.

8. FINANCE STRATEGY, CAPITAL PROGRAMME, REVENUE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2017/18

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2017/18.

It was AGREED that members:-

- (a) noted the content report;
- (b) do not have any comments or proposals to refer to the Executive at its meeting on 6 February 2017.

9. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND CAPITAL PLANS 2017/18

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the Housing and Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans for 2017/18.

It was AGREED that members:-

- (a) note the content of the report; and
- (b) do not have any comments or proposals to make to the Executive at its meeting on 6 February 2017.

10. 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 November 2016.

(1) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 8 November 2016 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 8 November 2016.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 9 November 2016 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 9 November 2016.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(3) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 15 November 2016 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 15 November 2016.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(4) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 17 November 2016 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 17 November 2016.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

11. 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 7.00 pm).