

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 5 January 2021

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

Councillor N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: T Davies, Mrs C L A Hockley, L Keeble and J G Kelly

Also Present: Councillor M J Ford, JP, Executive Member for Streetscene



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence for this meeting. However, it was noted that whilst Councillor Ford was in attendance at the meeting, he was no longer a member of the Scrutiny Panel having been voted as Executive Member for Streetscene at the Executive meeting on 4 January 2021, and therefore his attendance at the meeting was that of observer not Committee Member.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to two typo's being corrected, the minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel held on 8 October 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman used to the Chairman's announcements to pay tribute to her fellow Ward Councillor, Keith Evans, who sadly passed away in December.

The Committee expressed their loss of their colleague and all agreed he would be greatly missed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation from the Head of Planning Strategy & Economic Development which provided an update to the Council's Economic Recovery Plan. (presentation is appended to these minutes)

Members asked questions and points of clarity on the presentation.

RESOLVED that the Panel:

(a) note the content of the presentation; and

(b) thank the Head of Planning Strategy & Economic Development for her informative presentation.

7. CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2021/22

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy for 2021/22.

RESOLVED that the Panel:

- (a) note the content of the report;
- (b) agree that there are no comments or recommendations to pass to the Executive at its meeting 1 February 2021.

8. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2021/22

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the General Fund Revenue Budget 2021/22.

RESOLVED that the Panel:

- (a) note the content of the report; and
- (b) agree that there were no comments or recommendations to pass to the Executive at its meeting 1 February 2021.

9. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2021/22

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2021/2022.

RESOLVED that the Panel:

- (a) note the content of the report; and
- (b) agree that there were no comments or recommendations to forward to the Executive at its meeting 1 February 2021.

10. FEES AND CHARGES

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the Fees and Charges for 2021/2022.

RESOLVED that the Panel:

- (a) note the content of the report;
- (b) agree that there are no comments or recommendations to pass to the Executive at its meeting 1 February 2021.

11. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which fall under the remit of the Policy and Resources Portfolio, including Executive Member decisions and Officer delegated decisions, that have taken place since the last meeting of the Panel on 8 October 2020.

The Panel considered the decisions at items 11 (1) to 11 (9) of the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel considered the following items of Executive Business.

(1) Financial Forecast for Medium Term Finance Strategy

No comments were received.

(2) Pay Policy

No comments were received.

(3) Council Services Carbon Footprint

No comments were received.

(4) Management and Operation of Solent Airport - Extension of contract with Regional and City Airports Limited

No comments were received.

(5) Annual Review of the Corporate Strategy 2017/23

No comments were received.

(6) Solent Airport Consultative Committee

No comments were received.

(7) Finance Monitoring Report 2020/21

No comments were received.

(8) Treasury Management and Capital Monitoring 2020/21

No comments were received.

(9) Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme

No comments were received.

12. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer addressed the Panel on this item and shared with them a draft Scrutiny Priority Plan 2021/22 that he had drawn up following discussions with the Chairman.

He gave members the opportunity to put forward suggestions for items of business that they were keen to scrutinize. Councillor Mrs Hockley was keen to see the update on the Town Centre Regeneration and noted that it was currently planned for the June 2021 meeting.

Councillor Walker requested an update of the latest Lockdown on the Council finances. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer confirmed that there would a final review of this in June, however he agreed that a light touch update on it is provided to members at the next meeting of the Panel in March.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.17 pm).