

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 24 November 2016

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: Councillor K D Evans, Executive Member for Planning and
Development (item 10)



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 15 September 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. VANGUARD UPDATE

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on an update to the Vanguard Interventions that have taken place throughout the Council.

The Board enquired as to when the next phase is completed will all departments have been through an intervention. The Director of Finance and Resources confirmed that at the end of the next phase all services within a department will have had an intervention, but this will not apply to the whole department.

It was AGREED that Members:-

(a) noted the progress made with the Vanguard programme of interventions; and

(b) agreed that no comments need to be made for the Executive to consider.

7. REVIEW OF THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCE STRATEGY

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Council's Medium Term Finance Strategy.

The Board enquired as to whether the Spending Reserve of 5% compared with other authorities and whether it would change with changes to the economic climate. The Management and Financial Accounting Manager explained that the 5% figure is a suggested figure from CIPFA, however it is the responsibility of each authorities Section 151 Officer to determine the level

set. He explained that at present they are comfortable that the 5% level was appropriate for Fareham. In regards to changes in the economic climate, this is something that is monitored and should there be a major change then the level could be revisited.

A question was raised regarding the Housing Capital budget and why this did not feature in the report. The Director of Finance and Resources informed the Board that the Medium Term Finance Strategy is for the General Fund, and that the housing capital programme would form part of the Housing Revenue Account which is a separate to this.

It was AGREED that the Board:-

(a) note the content of the report; and

(b) agree that they have no comments on the Medium Term Finance Strategy that the Executive need to consider.

8. REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S WORK PROGRAMME

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Board's work programme for 2016/17.

The Director of Finance and Resources provided a verbal update to the work programme which concerned a further amendment to the one set out in paragraph 3 (i) of the report. The item titled "Presentation and questioning of, the Executive Member for Leisure and Community" which had been removed from the 2016/17 work programme, has now been added to the January 2017 meeting.

It was AGREED that, subject to the amendment above, the work programme for 2016/17 be agreed.

9. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL

The Board was asked to receive the minutes of the Policy Development and Review Panels held since 1 September 2016.

(1) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 6 September 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 6 September 2016.

It was AGRRED the minutes be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 7 September 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 7 September 2016.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(3) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 8 September 2016 of Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel

The Chairman of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor L Keeble was invited to the present the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(4) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 22 September 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 22 September 2016.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

(5) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 20 October 2016 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 20 October 2016.

It was AGREED the minutes be received.

10. 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.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Evans, Executive Member for Planning and Development addressed the Board on this item.

There were no other items of Executive Business considered.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.08 pm).