

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Tuesday, 14 January 2020

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

Councillor N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: M J Ford, JP, T Davies, Mrs C L A Hockley and Mrs L E Clubley
(deputising for I Bastable)

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor I Bastable.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel held on 23 October 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

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. BEACH HUT SITE RENT REVIEW

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration regarding a review of the Beach Hut Site Rent.

The Panel were tabled the decision notice from the Executive meeting held on 6 January 2020 where this item was considered and noted that decision made by the Executive at this meeting for a 5% increase per annum was different from the original recommendation as set out in paragraph 10 of the Executive report.

RESOLVED that the Panel notes the content of the report and has no comments to pass onto the Executive regarding this decision.

7. FINANCE STRATEGY , REVENUE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2020-2021

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer regarding the finance strategy, revenue budget and Council Tax 2020-2021 which was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 6 January 2020.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommended the Finance Strategy, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2020-2021 to the Executive for endorsement at its meeting on 3 February 2020.

8. FEES AND CHARGES 2020-21

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the proposed Fees and Charges for 2020-21 which was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 6 January 2020.

RESOLVED that the Panel notes the content of the report and has no comments to pass onto the Executive regarding this decision.

9. CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020-21

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2020-21 which was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 6 January 2020.

RESOLVED that the Panel notes the content of the report and has no comments to pass onto the Executive regarding this decision.

10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND CAPITAL PLANS 2020-2021

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2020-21 which will be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 3 February 2020.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2020-21 for endorsement to the Executive at its meeting on 3 February 2020.

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 23 October 2020.

The Panel considered the decisions shown 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) Update to Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) Policy

No comments were received.

(2) Annual Review of the Corporate Strategy 2017-2023 and Local Service Agreements 2018-2019

No comments were received.

(3) Council Tax Discounts and Exemptions

No comments were received.

(4) Finance Monitoring Report 2019-20

No comments were received.

(5) Treasury Management and Capital Monitoring Report 2019-20

No comments were received.

(6) Acquisition of Commercial Property in Havant

No comments were received.

(7) Responsive Repairs for Fareham Borough Council owned properties

No comments were received.

(8) Arrangements for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day

No comments were received.

(9) Review of Citizen of Honour Award Scheme

Members addressed the Head of Democratic Services on this item and confirmed that they were in support of the decision taken by the Executive in respect of reducing the number of citizen of honour candidates and expressed an interest in having more input regarding the nominations of members of the public in their ward.

The Head of Democratic Services confirmed that she had noted members comments and that they would be taken into consideration for all future schemes.

12. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer addressed the Panel on this item and updated the Panel on the items of business that were currently planned for the March 2020 meeting.

Members were given the opportunity to put forward any further items that they would like the Panel to consider. No further items were put forward for the Scrutiny Plan.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.40 pm).