

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Monday, 11 July 2022

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

Councillor N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: F Birkett, M R Daniells, D J Hamilton, Miss T G Harper and Mrs K Mandry

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 3 March 2022 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. CAPITAL AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2021-22

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on the Capital and Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22.

RESOLVED that the Panel recommends that the Executive endorses the Capital and Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22 report when it considers it at its meeting on 5 September 2022.

7. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Panel considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer which reviewed the Executive's proposals for the use of the Council's allocation from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, prior to the submission of the Borough Investment Plan.

RESOLVED that the Panel agreed that the Executive proposals for the use of the Council's allocation from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund be included in the Borough Investment Plan.

8. NEW WAYS OF WORKING UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer which provided an update on the New Ways of Working. (A copy of this presentation is appended to these minutes).

The Panel commented on how well the new approach is working, and noted that the customer is main priority, with the Council ensuring any changes to staff working patterns does not have any impact on the level of service provided to its customers.

The Panel asked questions regarding confidentiality and how this is being maintained with those employees working at home. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer confirmed that here is guidance provided to all employees with regard to working at home, which states that employees must be able to work in an environment where confidentiality is ensured.

The Panel also enquired whether any revenue opportunities had been explored with the decreased number of staff in the building. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer confirmed that initially cost savings on lighting, heating etc are being worked out by combining teams into fewer floors. He confirmed that there then may be an opportunity to lease more floor space of the civic offices to other organisations which would generate revenue income for the Council.

RESOLVED that the Panel thank the Deputy Chief Executive Officer for his informative presentation.

9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which falls 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 3 March 2022.

The Panel considered the decisions at items 9(1) to 9(8) of the agenda.

(1) Irrecoverable Debts

There were no comments received.

(2) Cash Office Provision

There were no comments received.

(3) Citizen of Honour Nominations 2022

There were no comments received.

(4) Approval of a Disposal at Spitfire Way

There were no comments received.

(5) Daedalus Financial Strategy

There were no comments received.

(6) Energy Rebate Discretionary Policy

There were no comments received.

(7) Investment Programme for Solent Airport, Daedalus

There were no comments received.

(8) Regeneration of Fareham Town Centre, including Fareham Live and Osborn Road Multi-Storey Car Park

There were no comments received.

10. SCRUTINY PRIORITIES

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer addressed the Panel on this item and offered members the opportunity to put forward any items of business that they may wish to consider at a future meeting.

There were no further items put forward on this occasion.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.01 pm).