

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday, 18 June 2020 (6:45 pm – 9:00 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Gomer (Chair); Councillors Cross, Asman, Broadhurst, Couldrey, Duguid, Grajewski, Groves, Jurd, Pragnell, Tyson-Payne and Tidridge

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Doguie

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tidridge declared an interest in the COVID-19 update as she volunteered for Eastleigh Community Aid.

Councillor Tyson-Payne declared an interest in the COVID-19 update as she volunteered for One Community.

87. MINUTES

It was AGREED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 12 March 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

88. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

89. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed members to the first virtual meeting of the panel and noted his thanks to the staff who had worked hard to ensure that meetings could take place remotely.

The Chair noted that progress on the Health and Social Policy Task and Finish Group was interrupted by the need for officers responsible for those functions to work on the Council's response to COVID-19, but would be picked up again in due course; and sought additional volunteers for the Housing Task and Finish Group that had been scoped at the previous meeting.

90. COVID-19 UPDATE

Natalie Wigman, Corporate Director of Strategy and Lead for COVID-19 introduced the report. The Panel considered the reports that had previously been presented to Cabinet on the Council's COVID-19 recovery work.

RESOLVED –

That the panel noted the report and made the following recommendation to Cabinet for consideration:

That Cabinet consider how to engage residents that do not have digital access, with reference to the COVID 19 crisis in particular.

91. SCRUTINY ACTION PLAN 2020/21

The Panel considered a report by the Chair reflecting on the performance of the Panel in 2019/20 and outlined some key areas for improvement and focus for 2020/21.

It was agreed that -

The priorities and actions in the report are implemented.

92. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Panel considered the report by the Environment Task and Finish Group.

It was agreed that –

The report be noted following its presentation and verbal agreement at the meeting on 12 March 2020.

93. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Panel considered the report by the Strategic Planning Lead for Environment.

A recorded vote took place with regards to recommendation 1i below and was as follows:

FOR: Councillors – Gomer; Cross; Asman; Broadhurst; Duguid; Grajewski; Groves; Jurd and Pragnell.

AGAINST: Councillor Tidridge.

ABSTAIN: Councillors – Couldrey and Tyson-Payne.

(FOR: 9; AGAINST: 1; ABSTAIN: 2)

RECOMMENDATION –

That the report be noted and the following recommendation be made to Cabinet:

- 1) Future reporting and monitoring of climate change emissions and actions to include:**
 - i) The total emissions from the airport**
 - ii) Of the total emissions for the airport, that the amount the borough is accountable for is quantified**
- 2) That there are positive and useful links between the Climate Change Board and the Council’s Housing Programme; and**
- 3) That the Climate Change Board looks at ways to increase transparency, including the publishing of minutes of the meeting.**

94. CABINET FORWARD PLAN AND WORK PLANNING

The Panel considered the Forward Plan to September 2020 in light of their own emerging priorities and work plan.

The Panel highlighted the following decisions from the Cabinet Forward Plan for July 2020 as priorities for pre-decision scrutiny:

- Tree Nursery
- Corporate Action Plan

The Panel highlighted the following areas of interest/concern to be shaped into their emerging work programme:

- The Panel requests that Highways England attend the Panel to enable scrutiny of their work on the M27
- The New Ways of Waste project scope
- Digital inclusion