

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday, 10 February 2022 (6:48 pm – 7:59 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Gomer (Chair); Councillors Cross, Broadhurst, Duguid, Groves, Jurd, Broomfield, Tyson-Payne and Kinloch

Also in attendance: Councillor Grajewski

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Asman

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

229. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

230. MINUTES

Councillor Groves requested that the previous minutes were amended as it stated that the Environmental Task and Finish Group met in November, however, they met in December.

It was AGREED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 13 January 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

231. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

232. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report to the Committee.

233. UPDATES FROM TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

Councillor Gomer confirmed that the Equalities Task and Finish Group had met with the Strategy Development Senior Specialist to discuss Equality. A report will be coming to the next Policy and Performance Meeting.

Councillor Groves confirmed that the Environmental Group last met in December so there were no further updates.

Councillor Duguid confirmed that no formal meeting had taken place, but an agenda had been planned for the next meeting which included financial stress testing, letting of contracts, eco standard setting and an overview of an all member session that will take place. The Group were due to meet Monday, but this had now been deferred.

234. CORPORATE ACTION PLAN 2022/23

The Strategic Planning Manager introduced the report. The Chair noted that the Green Energy Strategy was not mentioned within the report and asked if it could be included.

There was a discussion around the installation of charging points across the Borough. The Strategic Planning Manager agreed to respond to Councillors via email with an explanation, as it was believed that the target was not ambitious.

RESOLVED –

That the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel commented on the attached Corporate Action Plan for 22/23 at Appendix 1.

235. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

The Corporate Director introduced the report and highlighted that a saving of £300,000 was forecast for the year. A discussion took place around Key Performance Indicators with a red RAG status, in particular Council Tax and Waste. The Corporate Director explained that COVID, staff turnover and long-term sickness had an impact on the service areas, however, processes were being reviewed and figures were starting to improve.

RESOLVED –

That the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel noted the performance and financial position of the Council for the first three quarters of the year.

236. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET

The Corporate Director gave a short presentation outlining the key points within the report.

RESOLVED –

That the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel reviewed the General Fund Revenue Budget 2021/2022 – 2026/27.

237. CABINET FORWARD PLAN

The Panel considered the Forward Plan of Key Decisions. The Chair explained that the Green Energy Strategy was going to be discussed at the Audit and Resources Committee. All Members will be invited to this meeting.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

238. POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL'S WORK PROGRAMME

Panel members considered their Work Programme.

It was AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.