

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

Monday, 20 July 2020 (6:48 pm – 9:16 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Gomer (Chair); Councillors Cross, Asman, Broadhurst, Doguie, Duguid, Grajewski, Groves, Jurd, Tyson-Payne and Parker-Jones

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Couldrey, Pragnell and Tidridge

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Grajewski declared an interest in the New Ways with Waste item due to links at Hampshire County Council.

96. MINUTES

It was AGREED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 18 June 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

97. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

98. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that an invite to attend a Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel Meeting had been extended to Highways England with regards to the Smart Motorway on the M27. No commitment to address the Committee had been made to date.

The Housing Task and Finish Group had met with Officers and an in-depth work plan was being put in place.

99. TREE NURSERY

Councillor Kyrle, Cabinet Member for the Environment, introduced the report and highlighted Eastleigh Borough Council's commitment to planting 160,000 trees in the borough by 2030 as part of its Climate and Environmental Emergency programme.

RESOLVED –

That the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel noted the contents of the report and made the following recommendations to Cabinet for consideration:

The Panel welcomes the proposal to develop a tree nursery and is mindful of the need for specialist expertise to ensure the success of the project. The panel recommends that the project seek to identify any skills gaps and to hire or consult expertise as appropriate. In particular, to ensure that the proposed location is appropriate for use as a nursery at the intensity envisaged, and to identify and mitigate any negative impacts on existing habitat.

The panel discussed the potential for CO2 sequestered by trees from the nursery to be 'double counted' by both the Council and (for example) businesses that have sponsored a tree. The Panel recommends that the approach to accounting for sequestered carbon, or other environmental benefits, be developed in such a way as to prevent that double counting.

100. NEW WAYS WITH WASTE POLICY

Councillor Kyrle, Cabinet Member for the Environment, introduced the report and highlighted that the borough was the top authority for recycling in Hampshire, however, it was in the third quartile nationally. A number of changes were requested to be considered to enable the Council to meet its waste obligations and objections.

A presentation was given by the Project Manager for Waste which outlined the New Ways with Waste Work Programme.

Councillor Tyson-Payne left the meeting at 20:10.

RESOLVED –

That Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel commented on the proposed revisions to the Domestic Waste and Recycling Policy and made the following recommendations to Cabinet for consideration:

The panel recommends that the policy be amended to include an explicit acknowledgement that households may request additional food waste bins (as well as green recycling bins), should they be required.

101. CORPORATE ACTION PLAN

The Strategic Planning Manager introduced the report.

RESOLVED –

That Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel commented on the revised Corporate Action Plan for 2020/21 at Appendix 1 and made the following recommendations to Cabinet for consideration:

The Panel notes the proposed Corporate Action plan and recommends that:

- (i) Wherever possible, targets and milestones are set “within year” to provide a clear basis for planning and evaluation; and**
- (ii) Wherever possible, measures and KPIs identified are incorporated into the Council’s overall performance monitoring process so that the relevant data is readily available for monitoring and reflection.**

102. 2019/20 ANNUAL MONITORING

The Panel considered the report of the Chief Financial Officer.

RESOLVED –

That Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel noted the Finance and Performance Provisional Outturn report for 2019/20.

103. 2020/21 APRIL/MAY MONITORING

The Panel considered the report of the Corporate Director of Strategy and extended their thanks to all staff who had maintained performance.

RESOLVED –

That Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel noted the performance of the Council for April to May.

104. CABINET FORWARD PLAN

The Panel considered the Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

105. POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL'S WORK PROGRAMME

Panel members considered their Work Programme to March 2021.

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

- Public Transport Operators and Public Transport Strategy

- Walking and Cycling Strategy
- Hampshire Hospitals Together

It was AGREED that the Work Programme be noted and an invite to attend a future meeting would be sent to Transport Operators.