

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday, 15 October 2020 (6:45 pm – 8:11 pm)

PRESENT:

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

Also in attendance: Councillor Kyrle and Councillor Campbell

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

115. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

116. MINUTES

It was AGREED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 10 September 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Grajewski declared a pecuniary interest as Executive Member of Public Health at Hampshire County Council.

118. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the Task and Finish Groups were making progress. Small portfolio Working Groups would be formed.

119. UPDATE FROM TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

Councillor Tyson-Payne joined the meeting at 18:54.

(a) Housing Task and Finish Group

Councillor Couldrey reported that the Housing Task and Finish Group had met and discussed how the objectives for the Group could be achieved. Another meeting had been scheduled for early November where the focus would be on the empty homes strategy.

(b) Environment Task and Finish Group

Councillor Groves reported that the Group had met on 4 occasions. A draft tree strategy was being worked on.

(c) COVID-19 Recovery Task and Finish Group

Councillor Tyson-Payne reported that the Group had met and praised the work that was being carried out by the Council. The Group was drawing to a close as there was nothing more to add. The report would be coming to the next meeting.

120. COVID 19 RECOVERY

The report for COVID-19 Recovery will be discussed at the next meeting.

121. POLLUTION STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Kyrle, Cabinet Member for the Environment and the Strategic Planning Lead for the Environment introduced the report and explained that it was part of the Climate and Environmental Emergency Action Plan. Detailed proposal would be produced and brought back to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel in February 2021 for consideration.

Councillor Grajewski declared a pecuniary interest as Executive Member of Public Health at Hampshire County Council.

RESOLVED –

That the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel noted the contents of the report and convened a Task and Finish Group, to be Chaired by Councillor Groves, to assist with development of the Pollution Strategy and to consider the following aspects of the Strategy, in particular:

- (1) analysis of stakeholders and those impacted by pollution;**
- (2) data on health, environment and wellbeing impact when setting pollution priorities;**
- (3) links with equality and reducing inequality;**
- (4) mitigation restoration and enforcement against polluters; and**
- (5) links and co-operation with external agencies.**

122. EQUALITY STRATEGY RENEWAL

Councillor Campbell, Cabinet Member for Social Policy and the Strategic Planning Manager introduced the report and explained that a Working Group would be formed and chaired by the Corporate Director. A draft Strategy would come back to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel towards the end of the process.

RESOLVED –

That the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel noted the contents of the report and convened a Task and Finish Group, to be Chaired by Councillor Asman, to assist officers and the portfolio holder with development of the new Equality Strategy, with particular emphasis on:

- (1) travellers and illegal encampments as part of the strategy;**
- (2) inclusion of a meaningful and transparent section on Equality Impacts Assessment; and**
- (3) incorporation of Digital Inclusion in the strategy.**

123. CABINET FORWARD PLAN

The Panel considered the Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

124. POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL'S WORK PROGRAMME

Panel members considered their Work Programme to March 2021.

It was AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.