

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**HELD: 1 APRIL 2015**

Start: 7.30pm

Finish: 8.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Blane (Chairman)

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| Ashcroft | Kay |
| Mrs Atherley | Moran |
| Barron | Oliver |
| Bell | O'Toole |
| Furey | Patterson |
| Gagen | Pryce-Roberts |
| Jones | Savage |

Officers: Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration (Mr B Livermore)
Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
Partnership and Performance Officer (Ms A Grimes)
Assistant Solicitor (Mr M Hynes)
Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

86. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor S Bailey.

87. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2, Members noted the termination of membership of Councillors Pendleton and Wilkie and the appointment of Councillors Pryce-Roberts and Patterson for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

88. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Ashcroft, Mrs Atherley, Bell, Blane and Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 13 (Corporate Programme Monitoring) in relation to Parish Council matters, arising from their membership of a Parish Council.

90. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

92. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2015 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

93. RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Cabinet held on 17 March 2015.

Questions and comments were raised in respect of the following item:

Minute 78 (Organisational Re-Engineering – Legal and Democracy) – Scope of OR exercise; outcome.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 March 2015 be noted.

94. CALL-IN

There were no items under this heading.

95. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2015-2016

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager, as contained on pages 1117 to 1125 of the Book of Reports that detailed the Suite of Performance Indicators for adoption as the Council's Corporate PI Suite for 2015/16 and sought agreed comments, if any, prior to final adoption, following approval by Cabinet at its meeting on 17 March 2015.

The Partnership and Performance Officer attended the meeting, provided an overview and clarification, referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: There were no agreed comments.

96. BUSINESS PLAN 2015/18

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Managing Directors that gave details of the Business Plan 2015-18 (Appendix A – Version dated 18 March 2015) as contained on pages 1127 to 1155 of the Book of Reports that sought agreed comments, if any, following consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 17 March and prior to consideration of the final version of the Plan by Council at its meeting on 15 April 2015.

The Partnership and Performance Officer attended the meeting provided an overview and clarification, referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: There were no agreed comments.

97. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer as contained on pages 1157 to 1163 of the Book of Reports which provided a projection of the financial position on the General Revenue Account (GRA) at the end of the financial year.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting, provided an overview and clarification, referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the financial position of the GRA be noted.

98. HRA AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME MONITORING 2014/2015

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration and Borough Treasurer as contained on pages 1165 to 1171 of the Book of Reports which provided an update on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Investment Programme.

In discussion comments and questions were made in reference to:

- Recruitment of suitable staff – difficulties encountered; reasons; initiatives to resolve.
- Investment in Kitchens and Bathrooms – benefits to tenants; schemes completed; positive feedback.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting and responded to questions and provided clarification, referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That progress against the HRA and Capital Programme budgets be noted.

99. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained on pages 1173 to 1185 of the Book of Reports which provided an update on the current position in respect of the 2014/2015 Capital Programme.

In discussion comments and questions were made in to:

- Capital Programme – outcomes.
- Schemes identified 2015-16.
- Affordable Housing – Partnership with Regenda and other RSL's.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting and responded to questions and provided clarification, referencing details as set down in the report.

In response to a Member question on opportunities for other RSLs to work in the Borough, the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration made an undertaking to circulate additional information.

RESOLVED: That the current position in respect of the 2014/2015 Capital Programme be noted.

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Chairman