

## **POLICY AND CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**PRESENT**-Councillor Humphrys, in the chair, Councillors Connor, Rawat, Liddle, Floyd, Slater, N. Hussain, S,

### **Also present-**

Cllr Phil Riley, Leader of the Council

Denise Park, Chief Executive.

Dean Langton, Director of Finance.

Paul Conlon, Democratic Services.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies.**

The chair welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Councillor Taylor and Fielding.

### **2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022.**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Resolved-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

### **3. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

### **4. Update on RIPA Activity, Procedural Guide and RIPA Inspection.**

The Committee received a report on the introduction of the RIPA procedural Guide, the adoption of the recommendations made by the investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office, the RIPA training delivered to Officers and RIPA activity and applications. The Committee endorsed the recommendations in the report which would be submitted to the Executive Board for approval of the adoption of the new RIPA procedure and guidance.

**RESOLVED-** That the Updated RIPA procedural Guide and the RIPA inspection be endorsed by the committee for submission to the Executive Board.

### **5. Portfolio Responsibilities.**

The Committee received the revised portfolio responsibilities which identified the areas that related to their work on scrutiny.

RESOLVED-That the revised portfolio and their relationship to the work of this Overview and Scrutiny committee be noted.

## **6. Progress against the Corporate Plan 2021/22**

The Committee considered a report outlining the progress against the Corporate Plan 2021/2022 for the six months to year end (October 2021-March 2022). The report had been considered by the Executive Board on 9<sup>th</sup> June who had noted the remedial action to improve delivery against the 2019-2023 Corporate priorities which were giving cause for concern.

The Leader and the Chief Executive attended the meeting and outlined the actions and progress on the priorities which would be the focus of the scrutiny work for the year. Members were informed of the new arrangements that would be introduced with the introduction of the Integrated Care Strategy which would significantly affect the delivery of Health and Social Care within the borough.

Members noted the progress of delivery against corporate targets and will continue to look at performance at future meetings of the Committee.

**RESOLVED-** That the Committee continue to look at corporate performance against key priorities as part of their work programme for the year.

## **7. Development of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24.**

Members received a report on the development of the general fund revenue budget 2023/24. The report had been considered by the Executive Board and set out an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/26 as the start of the process for developing the Councils Budget for 2023/24.

The report highlighted the key risks to the delivery of the budget in 2023/24 and the uncertainty of the funding outlook for the council. The Committee discussed issues that impacted on the budget and made particular reference to sickness absence and how the Council sought to mitigate the effects on the budget by keeping absence to a minimum through numerous programmes. The Committee had looked at sickness absence previously along with wellbeing measures that sought to maximise attendance and agreed to look at this issue as a topic this year. Members agreed to scope the topic and commence work outside of the committee and report back when appropriate.

### **RESOLVED-**

That the development of the general fund be noted and further reports submitted to the committee during the year outlining progress and issues that arise.

That a task group be established to look at the issue of sickness absence and how the council seeks to maximise attendance through support and wellbeing programmes.

**8. Progress of the People and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

The Committee looked at the work of the People and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the work programmes that had been agreed and were now being developed. Progress on these would continue to be reported to the Committee throughout the year.

**RESOLVED-** That the progress of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the work programmes be noted.

**9. Work Programme for the Committee**

The Committee received a presentation on the issues, pressures and priorities of the portfolio areas and the work that was ongoing. The Committee discussed areas where they could add value and support the work of the Executive.

**RESOLVED-** That the Committee continue to monitor the work of the executive members and Leader and the major issues affecting the portfolio covered by the remit of the Committee including Corporate Performance, The Capital and Revenue Budget and corporate issues raised through the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Chair at the meeting where the minutes were signed.....

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