

Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Monday 24th June 2019

Present: Councillor Harling in the Chair, Councillors Afzal, Rigby, C., Floyd, Hussain, Maf, Liddle, Slater N, and Whittle.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members present to the meeting and submitted apologies from Councillors Connor and Groves.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Digital Strategy and the Councils Web Presence.

The Committee were updated on the progress on the implementation of the Councils Digital Strategy and the launch of the Councils updated web presence. The Committee was informed that the new web site was to be launched very shortly with enhanced functionality and improved customer experience. The Committee were informed that the work on how to reach those hard to reach sections of the community was progressing and that this would continue to ensure that no one would be disadvantaged by the move to a more digitised service provision.

Resolved-

1. That the progress on the Digital Strategy and the Councils Web site be supported.
2. That the Committee be kept informed of Progress of the roll out of digital services and especially how the Council will seek to ensure inclusivity of all sections of the community.

4. Corporate Priorities and the Corporate Plan.

The Committee discussed the way that they were proposing to work for the municipal year and the issues that they would look at. The Committee received a presentation on the role of Scrutiny and the Corporate Priorities. The Corporate Priorities were agreed by the Policy Council at its meeting in December and had been refreshed in March this year. There are 8 main priorities which are:-

Supporting young people and raising aspirations

Safeguarding and supporting the most vulnerable people

Reducing health inequalities and improving health outcomes

Community pride in a vibrant place to live and visit

- Connected communities
- Clean and safe environment
- Strong growing economy to enable social mobility
- Supporting our town centres and businesses
- Transparent and effective organisation.

The Committee were informed that the role of the Executive Member was to recommend/deliver decisions that sought to ensure that these priorities were delivered. The Executive Members reported to the Executive Board on a quarterly basis on performance in delivering the corporate priorities and that these were used to identify where improvement or intervention was necessary. It was proposed that these reports would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to enable members to understand progress. The Committee would also receive reports that gave information where performance that was not meeting expectations. Executive Members would be invited to attend the Scrutiny Committee to enable progress to be reviewed and outline actions to be taken. Executive Members would also be invited to discuss proposed Service developments with the Committee and seek their input where appropriate to policy development.

Resolved-

1. That the Corporate Priorities as agreed at the Council Forum in March 2019 be the main focus for the year.
2. That the Committee meet with the Executive Members outside the Committee to look in depth at the portfolio priorities that feed into the corporate priorities and how these were being progressed when data is available.
3. That the Committee receive quarterly progress reports on the performance of the portfolios.
4. That the Committee expect the Executive Members to come to the Committees and undertake pre-decision scrutiny where appropriate to help add value to the decision making process.
5. That the Committee will look at issues raised by the portfolio holders that contribute to corporate priorities that arise during the year.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair at the meeting where the minutes were confirmed.