

# **POLICY COUNCIL**

## **Thursday, 5 December 2019**

**PRESENT** –*The Mayor Councillor Jim Shorrocks , Councillors Akhtar H, Batan, Bateson, Casey, Connor, Davies, Desai, Fazal, Floyd, Gee, Gunn, Harling, Hussain I, Hussain M, Hussain S, Kay, Khan, Liddle, Marrow, McFall, McGurk, Oates, Patel, Pearson, Rawat, Rigby J, Riley, Salton, Slater Jacq, Slater Jo, Slater Ju, Smith D, Smith J, Talbot, Taylor and Whittle.*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **33 Welcome and Apologies**

Following the reading of the notice convening the meeting by the Chief Executive, the Mayor welcomed all to the meeting.

#### **34 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Hardman, Groves, Rigby C, Afzal, Akhtar P, Brookfield, Slater N, Khonat, Sidat, Khan Z, Mahmood, Browne, Daley and Jan-Virmani.

#### **35 Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were submitted.

#### **36 Minutes of the Council Forum Meeting held on 3rd October 2019**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council Forum held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

The Leader of the Council provided an update on the response from the Government to the Motion on Kashmir that the Council approved at the last meeting in October.

*At this point of the meeting, the Chief Executive advised that in line with the Constitution, the Policy Council would now be held in Committee.*

#### **37 Corporate Plan and priorities**

A report was submitted which outlined the key national and local policy challenges and proposals in relation to Local Government; reflecting on the Council's performance over the last 12 months; and looking ahead to the next 12 months.

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and presented a video with the Chief Executive, which contained highlights and achievements from the last 12 months.

The report gave details of the National picture, in particular, the Spending Round 2019, Queen's Speech 2019 and Structural reform and devolution, as well as the Local picture, highlighting the key issues in the Borough and how the Council and its partners were tackling them. The Council continued to experience challenging times, losing more than £140 million funding

through the Government's austerity measures and budgets continued to be stretched as demand rose. However, the Council continued to tackle challenges head on and deliver excellent services within the resources available.

Members were reminded that the Corporate Plan 2019-2023 had been agreed in March 2019, and some highlights from the last 12 months were outlined, along with corporate KPI information for the 69 key strategic measures. Key examples of work with Partners were also highlighted.

The report also looked forward to the next 12 months and examples were given for each of the four key themes:

- PEOPLE: A good quality of life for all our residents
- PLACE: Community pride in a vibrant to live and visit
- ECONOMY: A strong and inclusive economy with continued growth
- COUNCIL: Delivered by a strong and resilient council

Members of the Council discussed the report and presentation ahead of moving to the vote on the recommendations in the report.

**RESOLVED** – That Policy Council:

- i. Note the content of the report
- ii. Note the overall performance of the Borough against its outcome measures
- iii. Note the overall performance of the Council against its own strategic objectives

*At this point of the meeting, the Chief Executive advised that in line with the Constitution, Policy Council would move out of Committee.*

There being no other business, the Mayor reflected briefly on his first six months in office and thanked everyone in the Council and the community for their support during the year, and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year, at which point the meeting was adjourned.

Signed at a meeting of the Council Forum  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020  
(being the ensuing meeting on the Council) by

MAYOR