

Scrutiny Committee

Minutes

Thursday, 25 September 2014 at 18:30

PRESENT:

Councillor Plant (in the Chair); Councillors B Coleman, M Coleman, Fox, Jones, Myers, Robinson-Payne, Smith, Weymouth and Wright.

Councillor Bird attended as substitute for Councillor Grey.

In attendance were Councillors Jeal and T Wainwright.

Mrs J Beck (Director of Customer Services), Mr R Read (Director of Housing & Neighbourhoods), Mr R Hodds (Cabinet Secretary) and Mr C Rowland (Corporate Policy and Performance Officer).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest given at the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Collins, Field and Grey.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2014 were approved subject to an amendment to item 4 relating to the call-in on the Seachange loan to record the call-in had been exercised by Councillors Bird, Grey and Myers and not by Councillor Fox.

4 CAR PARKING

The Committee considered the Director of Customer Services' report which outlined the current position of off-street parking service, potential additional car parks and current charges.

The Director of Customer Services reported that under the Transformation Programme, a Car Parking Working Group had been set up to look at all elements across pay and display and free car parking areas. It was hoped that the Working Group would report on their findings by the end of October. There were currently six Members who had volunteered to serve on the Working Group and Members of the SCrutiny Committee were now asked if they wished to participate in the Working

Group.

In discussing the report, the Director of Customer Services confirmed that comparisons had been sought with other coastal District Councils as to their car parking regime. Councillor B Coleman commented that it was a view that extra charging would be counter-productive and that, in fact, lower charges could prove to be more beneficial. He asked that this issue be considered by the Working Group as part of their deliberations.

RESOLVED:

That the Director of Customer Services' report on the car parking service be noted.

5 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Committee considered the Corporate Policy and Performance Officer's report on the 2014/15 first quarter performance report.

With regard to Key Projects, the Corporate Policy and Performance Officer reported that KP03 had now been completed; KP14 was now part of the Transformation Programme; and that KP21 had been deleted. With regard to KP15, the Leader reported that the problems associated with regard to ICT were currently being worked on and that specialists were looking into all issues. Councillor B Coleman also reported that KP09 relating to the Local Plan was very important to the Borough Council and should be completed as soon as possible. The Leader confirmed that the Local Plan work was, in fact, well advanced at this stage.

The Corporate Policy and Performance Officer also presented the Corporate Measures Summer Report for the quarter April - June 2014/15.

RESOLVED:

That the Corporate Policy and Performance Officer's report on Performance Management (Key Projects and Corporate Measures) be received.

6 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2014-15

The Cabinet Secretary updated the Committee on the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2014/15. He advised Members that an additional item had been included in the Work Programme relating to quarter reports to be received by the Committee with regard to the Transformation Programme.

The meeting ended at: 19:30