

AT A MEETING of the Policy and Resources Select Committee of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 19th January, 2021

Chairman:

* Councillor Jonathan Glen

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| * Councillor Adam Carew | * Councillor Bruce Tennent |
| * Councillor Fran Carpenter | * Councillor Michael Westbrook |
| * Councillor Adrian Collett | * Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd) |
| * Councillor Andrew Gibson | |
| * Councillor Roger Huxstep | |
| * Councillor Peter Latham | |
| * Councillor Anna McNair Scott | |
| * Councillor Kirsty North | |
| * Councillor Russell Oppenheimer | |
| * Councillor Jackie Porter | |

* Present

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillor Keith Mans. Leader and Executive Member for Policy and Resources, Councillor Stephen Reid, Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance and Councillor Judith Grajewski, Executive Member for Public Health.

157. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Andrew Gibson attended as the Conservative substitute member.

158. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

159. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed, with the correction that the meeting was held virtually and not at The Castle, Winchester.

160. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

161. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was with much sadness that the Chairman announced the death of Councillor Keith Evans who was the Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Members gave tributes to Councillor Evans and expressed deepest sympathies to his family.

162. **2021/22 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR CORPORATE SERVICES**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) setting out the proposals for the 2021/22 revenue budget for Corporate Services in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

A presentation was provided to summarise the report. Members asked questions for clarification and debated the proposed budget.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources

163. **2021/22 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR CULTURE, COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) setting out the proposals for the 2021/22 revenue budget for Culture, Communities and Business Services in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

A presentation was provided to summarise the report. Members asked questions for clarification and debated the proposed budget.

Members discussed Rural Broadband and an update was given by the Director who advised that a report was due to be presented at its meeting in March. Members requested that Openreach be invited to this meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance.

164. **2021/22 TO 2023/24 CAPITAL PROGRAMME REPORT FOR CCBS**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services, Deputy Chief Executive regarding the 2021/2022 to 2023/24 Capital Programme for the department (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The Director presented the main points of the report and provided a breakdown of the capital programme spend during this time period. It was also reported that the County Council had been successful in receiving a £26.95m grant from Government for its Decarbonisation Schemes (Solar PV and window replacement) and that the results of two further bids totalling £5.6m were still awaited.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance.

165. SERVING HAMPSHIRE – 2020/21 HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive on Serving Hampshire – 2020/21 Half Year Performance (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The Committee were advised that the overall performance measured against Serving Hampshire had been assessed as good during Q1 and Q2. It was acknowledged that sustaining this performance, across a range of core public services, at a time of a major global pandemic represented an extraordinary achievement.

Members were advised that the Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan was due to be refreshed this year and work was underway to develop an updated Plan for 2021-2025. The revised Plan would include strategic priorities identified by the Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry and proposed activity to support Hampshire's recovery and restoration from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Committee were made aware of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) regarding determination of an investigation against the County Council and it was noted that all the recommendations of the LGSCO contained in the report had now been completed.

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted:

- a. The County Council's performance for 2020/21 to date;
- b. Progress to advance inclusion and diversity; and
- c. The determination of the LGSCO

166. ANNUAL IT UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources giving an update on the main IT activity over the past year (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The Director summarised the main points of the report and the priorities ahead. Members heard that IT activity has focussed on leading major transformational programmes including Hantsnet Modern, Office 365 and Telephony Replacement as well as supporting the development roadmap for the Shared Services partnership. The main initiatives being carried out were also highlighted, which included:

- Remote working equipment
- Office 365 mobile apps deployment
- HCC Care home connectivity

It was noted that the Service Desk continued to provide a valued service throughout Covid-19 lockdown during a period of significant change for County Council staff. The Committee were appreciative of work undertaken during this time.

During discussion, a number of questions were answered including:

- Implementation of HPSN3 for schools
- Accreditation against national and international standards

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

167. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report of Director of Transformation and Governance Corporate Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book) regarding the Work Programme.

During discussion, Members asked for the following matters to be brought to a future meeting:

- Openreach
- Hampshire Residents' Forum
- Crime and Disorder – child exploitation and County Lines

RESOLVED

That the Work Programme be agreed with the additional items shown above, timings to be confirmed:

Chairman,