

AT A MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 14 July 2015.

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor Elaine Still

Vice-Chairman
p Councillor Keith Evans

Councillors:

p Ray Bolton	p Anna McNair Scott
p Adrian Collett	p Andy Moore
p Criss Connor	p Mark Staplehurst
a Keith House	p Bruce Tennent
a Roger Huxstep	p Ken Thornber
p Robin McIntosh	p Sharyn Wheale

77. **BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

78. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Keith House. The liberal democrat substitute Member was unable to attend in his place due to a hospital appointment. Apologies were also received from Cllr Roger Huxstep, who had joined the committee due to becoming Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (in place of Cllr Patricia Stallard). The conservative substitute Member Cllr Edward Heron attended in his place.

Apologies for absence were also tendered on behalf of Cllr Roy Perry, Executive Member for Policy & Resources, as he was attending a meeting of the Local Government Association.

79. **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

speaking in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 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.

80. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Policy & Resources Select Committee meeting held on 22 January 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

81. **DEPUTATIONS**

No deputations were received at this meeting.

82. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Spending Review Consultation

The Chairman highlighted that the County Council's 'Shaping Hampshire' Spending Review consultation had opened on 26 May and closed on 6 July. The consultation presented residents with the current financial position of the County Council along with a number of options for how to manage the predicted budget shortfall in the run up to 2017. The Chairman reported that in total, around 2,700 responses were received via on-line or hard copy – including 1500 responses from a telephone survey.

The results from the consultation and survey would inform the proposals being developed by departments for budget decisions by Executive Members, Cabinet and County Council during September and October 2015. These decisions would be pre-scrutinised by the Select Committees at their September meetings.

83. **HAVANT LOCALITY WORKING PILOT UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report and supporting presentation from the Director of Transformation, regarding the Locality Working Pilot in Havant (see Item 8 in the Minute Book).

Members heard:

- That the Havant Plaza had been in operation for four years, however the reality remained that services provided there were co-located rather than truly integrated
- Havant Borough Council receive over 200,000 customer enquiries per year, and around 50% of those

contacts were from the same cohort of around 1,000 people. The findings suggest that people contact various parts of the local council for different things, which suggests there is more to do to share information within the council to make this more efficient

- Evidence from elsewhere suggests that sustained strategic commitment to integrated working and strong leadership was required to make it a success
 - In November 2014 a Transformation Lead had been appointed to lead the work taking place in Havant, to help push the agenda forwards. She had shadowed the housing team and come up with ideas about how the service could be improved, and would be doing the same with other services
 - As an example, recently a meeting had been held with input from various agencies to discuss one family who were costing the public sector over £1 million. This demonstrates that savings should be able to be realised through better joined up working and addressing issues early and holistically
 - The Department for Work and Pensions (which includes Job Centre Plus) had joined the partnership of agencies working together in Havant, and the local Community Rehabilitation organisation had also expressed interest in being involved
 - Legislation was being progressed on data sharing in order to move towards a presumption in favour of sharing information across public sector agencies to support efficient service delivery
 - The ambition was to use 'people person' staff to interact with people when they first contact a public service, to then talk to them to find out what other issues may be underlying their reason for making contact, and therefore what other services they may benefit from. This would involve staff taking a holistic view, not purely focusing on the service they were directly employed to provide

Following questions, Members heard:

- That while the Plaza didn't include the local library, it remained part of the thinking to make libraries focal points within communities
 - That staff from Hampshire County Council had visited Melton Mowbray council where there was an existing integrated public sector facility, as part of the Public Sector Transformation Network. Evidence from this example indicated that pro-actively seeking to help individuals with a range of issues was effective
 - That the local Clinical Commissioning Group were involved in the project in Havant
 - That the supporting troubled families programme had shown that focusing on families and linking up the range of services they require does start to deliver benefits to the public sector.

- The planned model would involve a co-ordinator who would liaise between the individual and the range of public services they require
- The project in Havant received funding jointly from the six main public sector agencies, along with leadership commitment

Members commented:

- That it could be difficult to navigate the public sector system, therefore it was welcomed to seek to help people with this
- That while members of staff being able to co-ordinate services for an individual was welcome, those staff would need to have sufficient authority to call on different services input.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

That the topic remain on the work programme for a further update in early 2016.

Update work programme

84. **CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME FOR COMMUNITY BUILDINGS – NEW SUB COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (see Item 9 in the Minute Book) regarding a proposed sub committee to consider applications for larger schemes under the Community Buildings Capital Grant scheme.

It was reported that a sub committee of the Culture and Communities Select Committee had previously looked at these grants, however the decision making for these grants had shifted to the Executive Member for Policy & Resources, therefore it was now proposed that a sub committee of this committee be established for this purpose. It was proposed that the Chairman of the committee visit the buildings that the short listed applications relate to, as part of the process.

The Chairman confirmed that this sub committee process had worked well under the Culture & Communities Select Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Policy and Resources Select Committee set up a Sub Committee with the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1 to the report, to consider, comment and make recommendations to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on the large grant applications (up to £150,000)

made under the Community Buildings Capital Grant Scheme.

The Sub Committee to comprise:

Cllr Ray Bolton
Cllr Criss Connor
Cllr Keith Evans
Cllr Andy Moore
Cllr Elaine Still
Cllr Bruce Tennent
Cllr Sharyn Wheale

Arrangements
be made to set
up the sub
committee

85. **ANNUAL CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive (see Item 6 in the Minute Book) regarding Annual Corporate Performance Monitoring.

The report provided a review of performance across the County Council in 2014/15, including a summary of progress against the 'Shaping Hampshire' Plan and key findings from the annual self assessment. Performance against the Shaping Hampshire Plan remained strong during 2014/15, and the self assessment found performance to be 'good' with some 'outstanding' features.

Following questions, Members heard:

- That there was a moderation process to the self assessment and evidence was required, and around 70% of the data used for the targets remains information that is externally validated. The corporate performance team use the same moderation process as ofsted. Therefore there was confidence the assessment was robust

Members commented:

- That the workforce were to be congratulated on achieving good performance results, considering the financial and other pressures the County Council was experiencing

RESOLVED:

That the report is noted.

86. **END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT**

Item 7 in the Minute Book, the End of Year Financial Report, was deferred to be considered at the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the End of Year Financial Report be considered at the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Select Committee.

Item to be
added to
agenda for
September
2015 meeting

87. **APPROVAL OF TASK AND FINISH GROUPS**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Policy & Governance (see Item 10 in the Minute Book) regarding a task and finish group of the Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee.

It was noted that the task and finish group regarding the Parish Lengthsman Scheme had needed to start meeting prior to this meeting, and therefore had been approved by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note the initiation of the task and finish group regarding the Parish Lengthsman Scheme by the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee.

88. **APPROVAL OF SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Policy & Governance (see Item 11 in the Minute Book) regarding the Annual Report of the Select Committees. It was noted that the summary from each Select Committee had been approved by the relevant Chairman.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approve the summary of activity undertaken by each of the Select Committees, for submission to County Council by the Chairman as the annual report of the scrutiny function.

Annual Report
be presented to
County Council

89. **WORK PROGRAMME AND ONGOING WORK ACROSS ALL SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Members noted the work programme for the Committee and the overview of scrutiny activity across all Committees (see Item 12 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the work programme is agreed, subject to any amendments arising from this meeting.

Chairman, 18 September 2015