
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE MANAGEMENT
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WEELEY**

Present: Councillors Steady (Chairman), Platt (Vice-Chairman), Baker and Scott

Also Present: Councillor Turner (Commercialisation Portfolio Holder) (except items 44 – 46)

In Attendance: Head of Finance, Revenues & Benefits Services (Richard Barrett), Head of People, Performance and Projects (Anastasia Simpson), Head of Sports and Leisure (Michael Carran) (except items 44 – 46), Committee Services Manager (Ian Ford) and Human Resources Operations Manager (Katie Wilkins)

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chittock, Stephenson and Whitmore. There were no substitutions.

41. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee, held on 28 November 2016, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

43. “GROWING THE BEACH ECONOMY”

The Portfolio Holder for Commercialisation (Councillor Turner) referred to the upgrades carried out to the beach environs to the west of Clacton Pier which had raised significantly the quality of offer to the public. He also reminded the Committee that, following the completion of the sea defence works between Clacton Pier and Holland Haven the District now had 23 wonderful beaches. Councillor Turner informed Members that £1.5million would be needed to recharge those beaches in due course and that therefore he was looking at ways of raising revenue such as beach sponsorship, retail opportunities in conjunction with Clacton Pier and growing the festivals around the District.

The Head of Sports & Leisure (Michael Carran) informed the Committee that the next ‘key step’ was the cliff stabilisation programme between Clacton Pier and Holland Haven which would provide an opportunity to introduce new ideas and development of the beach economy, for example, themed beaches. He was also looking at ways of replicating the experience of Clacton-on-Sea around the other coastal areas of the District.

Councillor Scott offered to assist the Officers in maximising media opportunities for promoting the District.

Following a question and answer session Councillor Turner and Mr Carran were thanked for their attendance.

44. CORPORATE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2016/17

The Committee had before it a report of the Corporate Director (Corporate Services), which presented it with an overview of the Council's actual financial position against the budget as at the end of September 2016.

The Committee was aware that, at its meeting held on 25 November 2016, Cabinet had considered the Corporate Budget Monitoring Report for the second quarter of 2016/17 and had resolved (minute 104 referred) that:

- (a) *the financial position as at the end of September 2016 be noted;*
- (b) *that in respect of the 2016/17 budget it be approved that:*
 - *planning expenditure budgets be increased to facilitate additional capacity to meet the current demand for the service with the associated income budget increased by £0.102m as set out in the report;*
 - *the General Fund Capital Programme be increased by £0.120m to accommodate the increased cost of the air handling units at Clacton Leisure Centre funded by the adjustments set out in the report and;*
- (c) *the Council's Treasury Management Practices be amended to allow the aggregate amount that can be invested with any one Local Authority to be increased from £4.000m to £6.000m.*

The Cabinet report referred to above was attached as Appendix A to item A.1 of the Report of the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) for the Committee's consideration.

Having considered and discussed the budget monitoring report:-

It was **RESOLVED** that the contents of the report be noted.

45. PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER TWO REPORT – JULY 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 2016

The Committee had before it a report of the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) which presented the Performance Report for Quarter Two (July 2016 to September 2016), including the Corporate Plan and Priorities and Projects 2016. Appendix A to that report contained details of the 14 indicators and projects where performance was measured. Of those, 12 (86%) were on, or above, their expected target and 2 (14%) were not currently in line with the expected performance. Three of the indicators and projects highlighted in the report were deemed 'non-measurable' as this Council's role was that of influence only.

The Human Resources Operations Manager (Katie Wilkins) gave a verbal update in respect of several indicators and projects.

Officers responded to questions raised by Members on various topics and where an answer was not immediately available, the Officers undertook to respond to Members as soon as possible after the meeting.

After discussion of the report it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the Council's performance report for the period July to September 2016 be noted;

- (b) the Committee notes with concern that the Planning department is 'behind target' in turning around 'Major' applications compared with Quarter One and also in a 'year-on-year' comparison; and
- (c) the Service Development and Delivery Committee be requested to investigate the decline in the fly tipping removal performance, steps being taken to avoid fly tipping before it happens and also the exact nature of the Essex County Council's proposed contribution to this Council's clear-up costs following the introduction of new rules at the County Council's recycling centres on 31 October 2016.

46. DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Corporate Management Committee was due to be held on Monday 19 December 2016 in the Connaught Room, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea at 9.30 a.m.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.31 p.m.

Chairman