

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2016

PRESENT: Jennie Jenkins – Chairman

Clive Arthey	Richard Kemp
Simon Barrett	Frank Lawrenson
Sue Carpendale	Jan Osborne
Alan Ferguson	Peter Patrick
David Holland	

83 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received.

84 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

85 PETITIONS

None received.

86 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

87 QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS

None received.

88 STRATEGY COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN 2016/17

Members had before them Paper R109R, which was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting and showed two additions in italics. Linda Sheppard, Senior Governance Support Officer, informed Members that although the Sheltered Housing Review report had been moved from the September meeting to November, the overall delivery of the review remained on track.

During the Committee's consideration of the JSP Refresh (Minute No 90 refers) Members were advised that an item on the Draft Delivery Programme is being added to the Forward Plan for June.

RESOLVED

That the contents of Paper R109R together with the update reported above be noted.

89 FINANCIAL MONITORING 2015/16 – QUARTER 3

Jennie Jenkins, Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder, introduced Paper R110. Katherine Steel, Head of Corporate Resources, highlighted the key points and together with the Chief Executive and Strategic Director answered Members' questions, particularly regarding staff budgets and the use of the Transformation Fund. In this connection, the Chief Executive informed Members that her report on the Focused Management Review will be on the agenda for the Annual Council meeting in April. In response to a query about Hadleigh Business Centre, it was noted that the Strategic Director will circulate the information to Members outside the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the potential or likely variations in relation to the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme compared to the Budget, as set out in [Paper R110](#), be noted.**
- (2) That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, General Fund savings of £370,000 referred to in sections 11.5 (c) and 11.6 (a) and (c) of the report be transferred to the Transformation Fund.**

90 JOINT STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH 2016-2020

Jennie Jenkins, Leader and Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder, introduced Paper R111. Lindsay Barker, Strategic Director, advised Members that following further feedback from Members, a number of amendments have been made and the work on Fuel Poverty / energy efficiency will be reflected in the document. Further minor amendments might be needed prior to submission to Council.

The Strategic Director referred to the high level nature of the Strategic document, which would be accompanied in due course by a Delivery Programme, a draft of which is scheduled for consideration by Executive and Strategy Committees in June. She also explained the way in which our JSP will link to the role of the NALEP.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

That the Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council full Joint Strategic Plan Refresh 2016-2020 (Appendix A to [Paper R111](#)) be approved.

RESOLVED

That the Strategic Director, in conjunction with the Leaders of both Councils, be authorised to make any minor changes to the document as may be necessary.

91 JOINT FOOD AND HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICE PLANS 2016/17

Frank Lawrenson, Environment Portfolio Holder, introduced [Paper R112](#) seeking Member approval to Service Plans attached as Appendices 1 and 2.

He outlined the breadth of services provided by the Food and Safety team on a regular basis including business support.

John Grayling, Corporate Manager – Food and Safety, provided answers to Members’ questions, including in relation to origins of case work, the graded approach to actions appropriate in case of non-compliance and the occasional use of external specialist contractors.

RESOLVED

That the joint Mid Suffolk and Babergh Food Safety and Health and Safety service plans 2016/17, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to Paper R112 be approved.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.35 a.m.

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Chairman