

The Executive – 15 July, 2015

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **15 July 2015** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K H Hudson

Cllr Mrs G A Lucas-Gill
Cllr Mrs J R Lumley
Cllr Mrs J E McPherson

Cllr Mrs C E Roe
Cllr S P Smith
Cllr I H Ward

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr M J Steptoe.

OFFICERS PRESENT

N Khan	– Director
S Scrutton	– Director
J Bridge	– Assistant Director – Community & Housing Services
J Bostock	– Assistant Director – Democratic Services
M Hotten	– Assistant Director – Environmental Services
M Harwood White	– Assistant Director – Commercial Services
A Law	– Assistant Director – Legal Services
A Mowbray	– Assistant Director – Transformational Services
D Tribe	– Assistant Director – Customer, Revenues & Benefits Services
J Raveendran	– Assistant Director – Resources Services
L Spicer	– Senior Corporate Communications Officer

143 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

144 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2015/16

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Councillor S P Smith, presented the report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The Portfolio Holder provided some background on the development of the Strategy. There was discussion on the nature of write-offs and the value of being mindful of capital programme implications. It was agreed that the proposed public consultation on the budget process should be brought forward.

The Executive recognised that Members identified any issues or ideas that they would like considered within the budget process on an on-going basis.

A Motion, moved by Councillor K H Hudson and seconded by Councillor I H Ward, in relation to the local Council Tax Support Scheme was agreed and it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That the current position of the Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted.
- (2) That the outline timetable for the 2016/17 budget process be agreed.
- (3) That, subject to the consultation being brought forward, the arrangements for public consultation in preparation for the budget process be noted.
- (4) That the funding of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme remains unchanged, in order for the annual review and consultation of the scheme to go ahead for 2016/17. (AD – R).

145 PROGRESS ON DECISIONS MADE BY FULL COUNCIL/THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive reviewed the Schedule of Progress of Decisions made by Council/The Executive.

It was observed that progress on the Community Safety Hub was at the amber stage as the Data Sharing Agreement had not yet been signed off by the Police.

Resolved

That the progress on decisions made by Full Council/The Executive, as set out in the schedule, be received subject to noting that progress in relation to the Community Safety Hub should be showing as amber, the data sharing agreement not having been signed off.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

146 COUNCIL DEPOT, SOUTH STREET, ROCHFORD

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Mrs J E McPherson, presented the exempt report on the Council Depot, South Street, Rochford.

It was noted that the proposed modular building would be single storey and sufficiently raised from the ground to avoid the possibility of flooding.

The Assistant Director – Environmental Services confirmed that further information on the detail of the sum identified for insurance settlement would be provided for the meeting of Full Council on 28 July when the way forward was to be considered.

Recommended to Council:-

That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director – Environmental Services to proceed with the procurement and installation of a modular building at the Council Depot, South Street, Rochford in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Enterprise and Environment. (AD – E).

147 PRESENTATION ON ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – FOLLOW-UP

The Executive considered the exempt report of the Assistant Directors on the identification of Member sponsors to facilitate work on the four organisational development themes.

It was agreed that it would be appropriate for each project sponsor to be the Portfolio Holder whose remit best fitted the terms of reference. Respective Portfolio Holders should feel able to approach Member colleagues for involvement given the wide experience and skills set available within the Council.

It was noted that the Assistant Directors had developed project plans and that initial meetings with Portfolio Holders would facilitate the consideration and moving forward of these.

The Assistant Directors would report into the next meeting of the Executive on progress and mechanisms for the next stages.

The meeting closed at 8:09 pm.

Chairman

Date

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