

The Executive – 15 April 2015

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

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

Cllr K J Gordon	Cllr S P Smith
Cllr Mrs G A Lucas-Gill	Cllr M J Steptoe
Cllr Mrs J E McPherson	Cllr I H Ward
Cllr Mrs C E Roe	

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Dave - Chief Executive
N Khan - Director
S Scrutton - Director
J Bostock - Assistant Director – Democratic Services
L Spicer - Senior Communications Officer

78 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79 PERFORMANCE REPORT ON KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH 2015

The Executive considered the report on key performance indicators for the period January to March 2015.

Members were pleased to note that Andrew Marshall, the Council's new Principal Environmental Health Officer, had been making inroads into disabled facility grants.

Resolved

That the progress against key performance indicators for the period January to March 2015 be received.

80 PERFORMANCE REPORT ON KEY PROJECTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH 2015

The Executive considered the performance report on key projects for the period January to March 2015.

Concern was expressed at the accuracy/value of information in relation to some projects including:-

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- That, whilst there had been liaison with the Essex Wildlife Trust, delivery of the Upper Roach Valley Living Landscape was showing as only 20% complete.
- That the development of a network of cycle paths was showing as 40% complete but the target date was to be confirmed.
- That the production of a Transport Supplementary Planning Document was showing as only 10% complete after over year, with only 14 months remaining to complete.
- That the review of Council and other public organisation land was only showing as 10% complete against the target completion date of March 2015.
- That there was no completion date for investigating the potential for the Council to develop land alone or in partnership despite the project being shown as 10% complete.
- That there was some inconsistent use of the RAG status in terms of whether projects were complete or on target.
- That implementation of the Empty Homes Strategy was showing as only 30% complete.
- That the promotion of energy efficiency and the tackling of fuel poverty was identified as on-going but showing as just over 20% complete.

It was noted that factors impacting on the adoption of a new Local Plan and an infrastructure levy had included the need to address a legal challenge and for all plans to be evidence based. It was also noted that some Essex County Council figures were awaited in relation to work on identifying development opportunities for Council owned land and that the Portfolio Holder for Enterprise was in liaison with officers on the Council's landholding register.

The Executive recognised that the new officer Leadership Team was considering appropriate change to performance reporting.

Resolved

That the progress against Key Projects for the Period January to March 2015 be received, subject to recognising that:-

- There is continued concern at the disconnect between target completion date, RAG status, the project progress chart and associated commentary for many items.
- The new Leadership Team is considering appropriate change to performance reporting, this being the last time that performance reports will be produced in this format.

81 PROGRESS ON DECISIONS MADE BY FULL COUNCIL/THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive reviewed the schedule of progress on decisions made by full Council/The Executive.

Resolved

That the progress on decisions made by full Council/The Executive, as set out in the schedule, be received.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Chairman

Date

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