

Review Committee – 5 October 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the **Review Committee** held on **5 October 2021** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr S A Wilson
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs J E McPherson

Cllr R P Constable	Cllr Mrs C M Mason
Cllr I A Foster	Cllr Mrs C A Pavelin
Cllr Mrs E P Gadsdon	Cllr Mrs L Shaw
Cllr J N Gooding	Cllr P J Shaw
Cllr B T Hazlewood	

VISITING MEMBER

Cllrs D S Efde and A L Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R R Dray, G W Myer, J E Newport and M G Wilkinson

SUBSTITUTES

Cllr R Milne	- for Cllr R R Dray
Cllr Mrs C A Weston	- for Cllr G W Myers
Cllr C M Stanley	- for Cllr J E Newport

OFFICERS PRESENT

L Moss	- Assistant Director, People & Communities
S Worthington	- Principal Democratic and Corporate Services Officer
L Morris	- Democratic Services Officer

160 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record subject to a change being made on page 6 to correct 'Bulford Road' to 'Malvern Road'.

161 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA)

Members considered the report of the Assistant Director, people & Communities updating Members on the use of RIPA over the past year and reviewing the Council's RIPA policy. It was noted that in the recommendations within the report, reference had been made to section 4.8 instead of section 4.6.

A Member voiced their concern that the Council's RIPA policy had not been used for the past 10 years and suggested that this may be underutilised. The Member also made reference to a District wide CCTV system as a passive

evidence collecting system that was not being used, and suggested that this be reviewed. Officers advised that they were referring directly to covert surveillance and advised that there was a threshold to RIPA that the Council had to pay attention to, and clarified that judicial permission had to be obtained in order to use the policy. Officers understood the request, but advised that they would need to look at what circumstances this would be used in, and that each circumstance would be taken on its own merit.

A Member highlighted that in Appendix A, 6.21, the name of an officer who had now left the Council had been included, and queried if all other names were correct. Officers apologised, and confirmed that all names were correct with the exception of the former officer.

In response to a Member question about the cost of training and the possibility of sharing resources, officers advised that the cost of training for 19 delegates was £1,750 and confirmed that there was scope for this training to be shared which would be looked at when training was required again in two years' time.

Resolved

- (1) That the Committee notes the Council's Annual usage of RIPA
- (2) To recommend to Council that the amendments to the Council's RIPA policy set out in section 4.6 above be approved.

(13 Members voted for the Motion, 0 Members voted against and 1 Member abstained)

162 KEY DECISIONS DOCUMENT

Members considered and noted the contents of the Key Decisions document.

163 WORK PLAN

The Chairman advised Members that the meeting of the Review Committee originally scheduled for 2 November 2021 would now be held on 9 November 2021, and that the purpose of this meeting would be to receive the audit of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Chairman proposed that Members organise a pre-meeting to go through recommendations.

The Chairman advised Members that he would be inviting Members to join a working group to consider the Disposals Framework due to be discussed at the 1 March 2022 meeting.

Regarding the meeting of 5 April 2022, the Chairman advised members that the Assistant Director, Place & Environment would be presenting the Parks for Nature Report and that a recommendation to set up working groups would be presented to the Executive on 9 October 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.49pm.

Chairman

Date

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