

Report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

This is my report as the Leader of the Council on the work of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee. It is an overview of the business considered by the Committee at its meeting held on 5 July 2021. Members will note that the Committee discussed two further matters, an Exempt Report on Ashford Victory Place and an Exempt Report on the Proposed Award of Leisure Centre Contractor contract, and as these were recommendations to Council they have been dealt with earlier on this Council agenda.

1. Corporate Policy and Resources Committee – Terms of Reference

1.1 The Committee noted its Terms of Reference.

2. Nominations for Development Sub-Committee

2.1 We considered and agreed the nominations to the Development Sub-Committee.

3. Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2021-22

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4. Establishment of Task Group (Waterfront Investigatory Task Group).

4.1 We considered and agreed the recommendations in the report on the establishment of the Waterfront Investigatory Task Group and agreed that the following members would sit on that task group:

Councillor C. Barnard
Councillor R. Noble
Councillor J. Sexton
Councillor L. Nichols

5. Assets Portfolio Working Group

5.1 The Committee agreed to set up the Assets Portfolio Working Group, the terms of reference, membership and frequency of the meetings.

6. Treasury Management Strategy Outturn report

6.1 We noted the treasury outturn position for 2020/21 and the challenging context of the financial environment in global markets in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic which pushed down investment returns and borrowing costs.

6.2 The Committee agreed that they would like a more graphical representation to be provided with the report in future so that it was easier for members to understand and compare performance over time.

7. Recovery Action Plan

- 7.1 The Committee noted the contents of the Recovery Action Plan report and Appendices.

8. Corporate Plan - Update

- 8.1 We noted the verbal update and the written summary provided by the Deputy Chief Executive.
- 8.2 The Committee agreed that they would like the letter S included in the Corporate Priorities acronym "CARE" to reflect the Council's commitment to Service Delivery.
- 8.3 We agreed that the Deputy Chief Executive continue to progress the Corporate Plan and that he report back to the Committee in due course.

9. Urgent Actions

- 9.1 We noted the urgent actions taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader (pre 27 May 2021) and the Chair and Vice Chair of the relevant Committee (post 27 May 2021) since the last Cabinet meeting in May 2021.

10. Forward Plan

- 10.1 We noted the Forward Plan for future Committee business.

11. Exempt Report - Acquisition Report - Property AB

- 11.1 We considered and agreed the public recommendations contained in an exempt report on the potential acquisition of property AB.

12. Exempt Report - COVID-19 recovery support for Leisure Centre Operators- amendment to Deed of Variation - Key Decision

- 12.1 We considered and agreed to approve an amendment to the Deed of Variation, extending the timescale for the cap on the cash support, from June to now cover to the end of September 2021.