



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillor J Oates (Chair), Councillors M Summers, C Cooke, R Ford, S Goodall, T Jay, Dr S Peale and P Standen

CABINET Councillors D Cook and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: Jo Hutchison (Democratic and Elections Officer)

29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Price

30 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th August 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor M Summers and seconded by Councillor S Goodall)

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

32 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair reported that two items had been referred to full Council from this Committee and were considered by full Council at its meeting on 11 September 2018:

1. Prayers at Full Council, where following a discussion at Council it was resolved that
 - In the light of modern times prayers should be held before the mayor opens the formal part of a full council meeting
 - That prayers will be held in the Chamber at 18.00 then the Council meeting will commence at 18.10.
 - When the meeting is in order the Mayor is informed by the Deputy or assistant to make their entry in the traditional way
 - The Mayor under opens the meeting with a 'thought of the day' style

comment to remind attendees why the council exists.

2. Against Hate Campaign, where Council resolved to endorse Cabinet's decision regarding Amnesty International's Against Hate Campaign.

Councillor Dr S People requested that an item on Modern Slavery be added to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee's Work Plan.

33 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM CABINET

The Chair reported that no matters had been referred for this Committee's consideration by Cabinet.

34 2018/19 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for 2018/19.

The Committee identified that the new Town Centre item on the Forward Plan and due to be considered by Cabinet on 8th November 2018 would be added to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee's Work Plan and that Councillor R Pritchard be invited to attend the meeting.

It was noted that the Revised Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles was due to be considered by Cabinet and full Council during November and December 2018, following the Licensing Committee's review. The Chair of the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee reported that scrutiny by that committee would be appropriate and that accordingly this item would be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee.

35 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

35.1 Webcasting

It was reported that this item was awaiting support with the consultation process.

35.2 Members Support

The working group had split into three sub-groups and the subgroup on member induction reported that it had formed recommendations covering initial introductions for Councillors to the senior management team and their activities, which would be brought to the next meeting.

The sub-groups on information technology and member support were reported to be on-going.

35.3 Combined Authority Preparation

The Committee considered the WMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan and identified an upcoming Housing & Regeneration Report to be considered by that committee in February 2019. The Corporate Scrutiny

Committee agreed that it would invite the councillor who attended as Tamworth's representative to its February 2019 meeting to gain an understanding of this item and to enable its members to provide any input as necessary. It was agreed to add this item to the Corporate Scrutiny Work Plan.

35.4 Festive Grants

Councillor S Goodall reported that the Festive Grants working group had met to consider the process undertaken to award festive grants in 2017, and agreed that no major changes were required for the festive grants process about to be launched for 2018. However, it had noted that additional flexibility could be built into the scheme to enable smaller groups to potentially access the grants in future years. It was agreed that the working group's formal recommendations would be considered at a future Committee meeting and that the Work Plan be updated to reflect this.

36 SPRINKLER UPDATE

The Committee considered the Fire Sprinkler Update Report of the Assistant Director Assets, which highlighted that a contract had been awarded to Lovell Partnerships Limited.

37 2018/19 CORPORATE SCRUTINY WORK PLAN

Corporate Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan 2018 - 2019	
DATE	SUBJECT
Quarter 2 – 14 th November Quarter 3 - 6 th February Quarter 4 - TBC	Quarterly Performance Reports;
14 th November	Customer Portal – Councillor Pritchard and Councillor Claymore to be invited
14 th November	Town Centre item – Councillor Pritchard to be invited
14 th November	Private Sector Housing – Enforcement Policy (moved from 10/10/2018)
14 th November	Modern Slavery – Councillor Dr S Peale to provide report
14 th November	Festive Ward Grant - Working Group (SP, SG, RF and MS)
14 th November	Support for Members – Working Group (JO, MS, PS, CC, RF, SP, TJ, SG, BP)
14 th November	Garage Sites
14 th November	Live Streaming/Webcasting Council Meetings – Working Group (JO, MS, PS, CC, RF, SP)
6 th February	Combined Authority Scrutiny – TBC representative at WMCA scrutiny committee to be invited to discuss Housing & Regeneration Report
TBC	Gungate Site – Working Group (JO, RF, SG, CC (provisional) and Labour Group to nominate two attendees).
TBC	Isolation – Working Group (TJ, JF and RB from H&W Scrutiny and JO, SP and CC from Corporate Scrutiny)
TBC	Budget Scrutiny – Working Group (TJ, RF, CC, PS, SP)
TBC	Housing Allocation Policy – Joint Scrutiny with H&W Scrutiny.
Ongoing	Tenants Consultancy Group – Ongoing Updates after any meeting.
TBC/Ongoing	Chairs Updates to other Committees (format to be decided)
TBC	Review of senior management restructuring
TBC	Constitutional working group
TBC	Corporate investment strategy

Upcoming Corporate Scrutiny Committee Meetings
Wednesday 14 th November 2018
Wednesday 6 th February 2019
Wednesday 13 th March 2019

Chair

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