

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND CUSTOMERS) held in Civic Suite 0.1A, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 4th April 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor D M Tysoe – Chairman.
Councillors K M Baker, R C Carter, S Greenall, R B Howe, Mrs R E Mathews, J M Palmer, Mrs D C Reynolds and M F Shellens.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs B E Boddington and Mrs S L Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor D Brown.

61. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2018 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

62. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

63. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Panel received and noted the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions (a copy of which has been appended in the Minute Book) which has been prepared by the Executive Leader for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st July 2018.

64. USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS - VERBAL UPDATE

The Panel was informed that the Chairman of the Panel was asked to approve that an urgent item could be considered at Cabinet without prior Overview and Scrutiny. The item was for the Council to consent for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to attain further borrowing powers via Statutory Regulation.

65. ONE LEISURE VALUE FOR MONEY TASK AND FINISH GROUP VERBAL UPDATE

Members received a verbal update on the work of the One Leisure Value For Money Task and Finish Group.

The Panel was informed that One Leisure had gone through change but unfortunately the change had been hampered by issues beyond its control (e.g. a new lease for St Neots and the 24 hour gym). It was noted that the Task and Finish Group had identified that some decisions had contributed to a fall in Membership however,

management were quick to change it around. It was also clear during investigations that decision making at Board level will need reviewing and that the management of One Leisure should be allowed to manage themselves.

The Executive Councillor for Commercial and Shared Services welcomed the feedback received from the task and finish group and informed the Panel that future plans for One Leisure will be review.

A Member congratulated One Leisure for the refurbishment of the Huntingdon Gym. The task and finish group commented that One Leisure is an excellent resource for the residents of Huntingdonshire and that previous Executive Councillors and Officers deserve credit for managing the service through a period of change.

The Panel,

RECOMMENDS

- 1) That the Executive Councillor for Commercial and Shared Services reviews the terms of reference for the One Leisure Board.
- 2) That the Executive Councillor for Commercial and Shared Services reviews the direction of One Leisure.

66. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

67. SHARED SERVICES' 2018/19 BUSINESS PLANS

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Services regarding the Shared Services' 2018/19 Business Plans. The Corporate Director – Services, Head of Legal, the Principle Property Lawyer and the Building Control Strategic Lead were in attendance and introduced each of the services' business plans.

Members discussed the business plans and made a number of comments on them which have been forwarded on to Cabinet for their consideration.

(At 7.59pm, during the consideration of this item, Councillor M F Shellens left the meeting and did not return.)

68. RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

69. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROGRESS

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), the Panel reviewed all Panels' work programmes since the last meeting.

Chairman