

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH) held in Civic Suite 0.1A, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 5th July 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor D B Dew – Chairman.

Councillors J C Cooper-Marsh, S J Corney,
Dr P L R Gaskin, D A Giles, M S Grice,
K P Gulson, J Neish and S Wakeford.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors L A Besley, J P Morris and D J Wells.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor J A Gray.

11. MINUTES

Subject to one amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

13. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

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

Members were informed, in response to a question, that the Executive Councillor for Digital and Customer and the Corporate Director – Services and will decide whether to continue the process of the commercialisation of the Document Centre. Members will then be informed of the decision.

14. 3C'S SHARED SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

With the aid of the report by Corporate Director – Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Shared Services' 2017/18 Annual Report was presented to the Panel.

The Panel was given some background information on the Shared Services. They were then informed that there has been an improvement in the financial performance of the Shared Services since the last annual report.

A Member commented that the annual report is too finance based

and lacks a summary of the operational aspect of the Shared Services.

Following a comment regarding the potential for a changing IT budget, as new technology emerges and staff with different skills sets are required, the Panel was informed that Senior Management are constantly reviewing different technological options.

15. 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).

16. THE AVENUE, GODMANCHESTER

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Resources regarding The Avenue, Godmanchester. The Executive Councillor for Resources introduced the report and outlined the proposal. The Strategic Assessments of Estates Officer then informed the Panel of the key points of the proposal.

Members discussed aspects of the proposal in greater detail and then made a number of comments on the proposal which were forwarded on to Cabinet for their consideration.

The Panel recommended that the Cabinet supports the proposal and approves the recommendations outlined within the report.

17. RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

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

18. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel held a discussion on their work programme for the ensuing Municipal Year. Members advanced a number of suggested topics for the work programme with the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) noting them in order to develop the work programme.

(At 8.05pm, during the consideration of this item, Councillor J A Gray left the meeting and did not return.)

Chairman