

FULL COUNCIL

14 JANUARY 2020

Present:

Councillors Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence, Connett, Cook, H Cox, Daws, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Haines, Hayes, Hocking, J Hook, Jeffery, Keeling (Chairman), Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Orme, Parker-Khan, Patch, Peart, J Petherick (Vice-Chairman), Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne, Tume and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Austen, Colclough, D Cox, G Hook, Jeffries, Jenks, Parker and L Petherick

Officers in Attendance:

Alison Dolley, Private Sector Housing Team Leader
Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Phil Shears, Managing Director
Simon Thornley, Business Manager - Spatial Planning
Karen Trickey, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

1. MINUTES

The Portfolio Holder for Sport, Recreation & Culture, seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Communities and IT proposed that the minutes of the Full Council on the 19 November 2019 were approved as correct and signed by the Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Member question and response attached to minutes.

In response to Councillor Mullone's supplementary question regarding what declaration of interests officers must declare, the Chairman commented that his response to the original question had clarified this.

4. PRESENTATION - BACKGROUND TO UPDATED TEN YEAR STRATEGY

The Business Manager Strategic Place gave a presentation to Members on the background data to the updated Strategic Plan. – *attached to minutes*.

In response to Member's questions he clarified that:-

- 56 % percentage of household waste was recycled.
- The employment data related to employees and not the self-employed, this was an international measurement which included any employment over an hour a week.
- Those residents who commuted to work outside of the district would on average earn more than those whose employment was within the district.

5. COUNCIL STRATEGY - 2020-2030

The Deputy Leader presented the report to Members to adopt the new revised Council Strategy. The overarching plan set out the Council's vision, objectives and priorities it would be focusing on achieving over the forthcoming 10 years. He brought attention to the positive figures regarding life expectancy and the increase in the level of employment whilst acknowledging that there were areas including CO2 omissions that the Council would need to address. He welcomed the endorsement of the strategy by the Conservative Group.

The Independent Group Leader, Councillor Haines, confirmed his group's endorsement of the Council Strategy.

The recommendation was proposed by the Deputy Leader, seconded by Councillor Bullivant and carried.

RESOLVED that the Council Strategy 2020-2030 as circulated at Appendix A of this report be approved.

6. COUNCIL TAX BASE - 2020/21

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources presented the report to consider the proposed council tax base of 49,714 for 2020/21 as recommended by the Executive on 7 January 2020 and considered by Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 14 January 2020.

The recommendation was proposed by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, seconded by Councillor Bullivant and carried.

RESOLVED that the Council the council tax base of 49,714 for 2020/21 at appendix A of the circulated report be approved.

7. HEART OF THE SOUTH WEST JOINT COMMITTEE - GOVERNANCE REVIEW REPORT

The Deputy Leader presented the report to update Members on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee governance arrangements and budgetary position for 2019/20.

The recommendation was proposed by Deputy Leader, seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and carried.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the proposed amendments to the Joint Committee's list of functions attached at appendix A in emboldened text be approved; and
- (2) the updated budget position for 2019/20 be noted.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Portfolio Holder for Sport, Recreation & Culture proposed, seconded by the Deputy Leader that because of the financial sensitivity and information relating to an individual the Council go into Part II session and exclude the press and public. This was carried.

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

9. WARM HOMES FUND BID TO REDUCE FUEL POVERTY IN TEIGNBRIDGE

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Change Emergency and Housing presented the report which sought Member approval to support the acceptance of the warm homes fund bid, through prudential borrowing and the use of capital receipts.

Members raised concerns regarding the grant requirements regarding the use of fossil fuels and agreed to make representations to the Government to fully support the use of renewable technology from grant making bodies and remove limitations that still require the use of fossil fuels.

The recommendation was proposed by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change Emergency and Housing, seconded by the Deputy Leader and carried.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the warm homes funding bid be accepted; and
- (2) prudential borrowing of £422,860 and the use of £67,500 capital receipt be approved.

10. APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF PLACE AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

The Deputy Leader, who chaired the meeting of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee 6 January 2020, presented the recommendation from that Committee to approve the appointment to the Head of Place and Commercial Services.

The recommendation was proposed by the Deputy Leader, seconded by the Councillor Bullivant and carried.

RESOLVED that the appointment to the Head of Place and Commercial Services be approved.

The meeting started at 12.35 pm and finished at 1.20 pm.

Chairman