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Policy and Organisation Board
24 March 2021

A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD WAS HELD ON 24 MARCH 2021

The Mayor

Councillor Ballard, Bateman, Burgess, Cully, Chegwyn, Foster-Reed, Herridge, Hook, Mrs Hook, Hylands, Jessop, Murphy, Philpott, Prickett, Raffaelli,

52. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

There were none.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

54. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd February 2021 be approved.

55. DEPUTATIONS - STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were none.

56. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - STANDING ORDER 3.5

There were none.

57. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW 2019/20 PROGRESS REPORT 2020/21 AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

Consideration was given to a report by the Borough Treasurer covering the treasury activity for 2019/2020 together with an in year review 2020/21.

The Board was advised that the report would normally have been taken to an earlier meeting of the Policy and Organisation Board but had been delayed by the Covid impact on external audit.

RESOLVED: That the Board noted the report.

58. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY MRP POLICY 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report by the Borough Treasurer outlining the Council's policy for charging unfinanced capital expenditure to revenue (MRP) together with the expected treasury operations for this period.

RESOLVED: That the Board approved:

- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy
- The Treasury Management Strategy

59. PERSISTENT AND VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS POLICY

Consideration was given to a report by the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer setting out a proposal for a persistent and vexatious complaints policy, which may include abusive and offensive communications with the Council.

Members welcomed the Policy and recognised that complaints were dealt with professionally and in a timely way. It was accepted that there would be times when residents would be unhappy with the outcome of their complaints and that the policy allowed for this to be addressed.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the Persistent or Vexatious Complaints and Complainants Policy.

60. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT DECISION TO APPROVE THE AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR LEASED SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES

Consideration was given to a report by the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer notifying the Board of an urgent decision to approve the award of the contract for leased supply and maintenance of vehicles.

Members welcomed the decision and the progress of the DSO. It was recognised that it was unfortunate that supply chain issues and Brexit had impacted on the tendering process, but welcomed that the project was on time and within budget.

RESOLVED: That the Board noted the report.

61. ANY OTHER ITEMS

The Chairman thanked Members for their support over the last year, and the previous 12 undertaken as Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board as he was due to step down from the role.

Members paid tribute to the work undertaken by the Chairman and thanked him for his hard work and leadership over the years.

CHAIRMAN

Concluded at 6.27 pm