

Minutes of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 29 July 2021

Present: Colin Greatorex (Chairman)

Attendance

Charlotte Atkins	Jeremy Pert
Tina Clements	Bernard Peters
Mike Davies	James Salisbury
Gill Heath (Vice-Chairman (Scrutiny))	Samantha Thompson
Jeremy Oates	Mike Worthington

Apologies: Bob Spencer and Conor Wileman

PART ONE

5. Declarations of Interest

There were none on this occasion.

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the comment that the Committee agree that Care Director is not a priority.

7. Integrated Performance Report - Quarter 1, 2021/22

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and highlighted the key areas. He informed the Committee of the measures being taken in light of COVID 19 and the impact on council services and that the future focus was on the way forward.

He also detailed the expected surplus at the end of quarter one. He highlighted the areas of risk identified in the report and also the high level of vaccinations in the care sector. Other areas were funding for schools and the skills and economy agenda.

The Committee asked about access to free schools meals and its relationship to activities which the Leader would come back to the committee and also the success of the schemes.

The Committee debated the presentation of the performance information and it was agreed this would be looked at further.

A Member raised issues in relation to child protection, foster parents and education which the Leader responded to.

The issue of care home savings was raised to which the Leader responded that his was being monitored.

Climate Change and the pace of change was highlighted.

RESOVLED : That

- (a) the performance reporting to Overview and Scrutiny be further explored
- (b) that Climate Change would be an item for overview and scrutiny

8. Proposals for Scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget and Council Tax

The Scrutiny and Support Manager detailed the purpose of establishing the MTFS Working Group and the role it undertakes. The Corporate Finance Manager supported the role the Working Group undertakes.

RESOVLED: That the following members be appointed to the Working Group

Cllr C Greatorex
Cllr B Peters
Cllr J Salisbury
Cllr C Atkins
Cllr J Pert
Cllr G Heath
Cllr S Thompson
Cllr J Oates

9. Work Programme

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be noted and agreed.

Chairman