

CORPORATE AND PUBLIC SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday 16 June 2016 at 6.00pm at the Council Chamber, Council House, Walsall

Panel Members Present

Councillor A. Andrew (Chair)
Councillor C. Creaney (Vice-Chair)
Councillor D. Barker
Councillor M. Bird
Councillor S. Craddock
Councillor M. Nazir
Councillor G. Sohal
Councillor M. Ward
Councillor R. Worrall

Portfolio Holder

Councillor S. Coughlan – Leader
Councillor D. Coughlan – Social Care
Councillor L. Jeavons – Deputy Leader and Regeneration
Councillor C. Jones – Clean and Green
Councillor A. Nawaz – Shared services and procurement
Councillor I. Shires – Agenda for change

Officers Present

Simon Neilson – Executive Director (Economy and Environment)
James Walsh – Assistant Director (Finance)
Paul Gordon – Head of Business Change
Steve McGowan – Head of Human Resources
Craig Goodall – Committee Business and Governance Manager

94/15 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Nazir and L. Rattigan.

96/15 Substitutions

There were no substitutions for the duration of the meeting.

97/15 Declarations of Interest and Party Whip

There were no declarations of interest or party whip.

98/15 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)

Resolved:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during item 100/15 'Minutes of the previous meeting' when the Committee discusses information relating to the financial business affairs of any particular person, as defined by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

99/15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 5 April 2016 and 14 April 2016, copies having previously been circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.

100/15 Areas of focus 2016/17

The Committee considered potential areas of focus for 2016/17.

The Committee received a presentation (annexed) from the Executive Director (Economy and Environment), Assistant Director (Finance), Head of Business Change and the Head of Human Resources on their overall areas of responsibility.

Members noted the presentation and discussed various areas they wished to include as items during the year ahead. The Chair noted that a petition against the closure of the local HMRC office had been received. The petition had over 500 signatories with meant that would require discussion at a meeting. It was felt that this linked to work being undertaken through the combined authority regarding one public estate.

The Committee agreed to establish a working group to consider communication between Remembrance Day parade organisers and other agencies following problems that had occurred last year. Members were clear that it was not the Councils responsibility to organise the parades but the authority could play an important role in bringing people together.

Resolved:

That the following items be added to the Committees Work Programme for 2016/17:

- 1. Network Rail – electrification scheme;**
- 2. Willenhall Economic Regeneration Strategy;**

3. Enterprise Zone;
4. Implementation of the new refuse collection service;
5. Walsall Market redevelopment;
6. Changes to staff terms and conditions;
7. Impact of the forthcoming Metro Mayor;
8. Monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the Welfare Reform Working Group;
9. Monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the Community Cohesion Working Group;
10. Petition against the closure of the local HMRC office;
11. A working group be appointed regarding Remembrance Day Parades with the following membership:
 - a. Councillor M. Bird
 - b. Councillor. S. Craddock;
 - c. Councillor C. Creaney.

101/15 Date of next meeting

The Chair announced that he would call a special meeting of the Committee before the end of July 2016.

Termination of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.50 pm.

Signed:

Date: