

Minutes

of the Meeting of the

Community and Corporate Organisation Policy & Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday, 19th June 2018

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Meeting Commenced: 2.30 pm Meeting Concluded: 4.35pm

Councillors:

P Terry Porter (Chairman)

P Sarah Codling (Vice-Chairman)

P Peter Burden

James Clayton

Bob Garner

P David Hitchins (substitute for Peter
Crew)

P Richard Nightingale

David Oyns

P Mark Canniford

A Peter Crew

A Colin Hall

P John Ley-Morgan

P Jerry O'Brien

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Officers in attendance: Mandy Bishop (Development & Environment), John Flannigan (Development & Environment), Harry Mills (Development & Environment), Philippa Penney (Corporate Services), Howard Potheary (Development & Environment), Mike Riggall (Corporate Services), Heather Sanders (Corporate Services)

CCO Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Agenda item 3)

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None.

CCO Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 March 2018 (Agenda item 4)

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Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

CCO Field Activity (Agenda item 6)

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The Assistant Director (Operations) presented her report on the review of field activity being carried out in the course of the transformation of front-line services. The report provided the Panel with an update including details of a pilot that it was hoped would deliver further service improvements. The Assistant Director (Operations) then responded to questions regarding the

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pilot, welcoming Members input so that concerns could be identified as the database was developed.

Concluded: that the Assistant Director (Operations) be invited to provide regular updates on the pilot proposals as these progress.

CCO Parks and Street Scene Contract (Agenda item 7)

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The Panel considered a report of the Community Safety and Environment Service Manager concerning the delivery of further savings from within the Parks and Street Scene budget and in particular to how changes to the contract had been introduced in order to achieve the necessary savings. The Community Safety and Environment Service Manager responded to Members' questions about flexibility within the contract which meant that staff could be deployed appropriately depending on weather conditions. Members expressed concern about the slowness of the contractor's response to fly-tipping.

Concluded: that the budget savings in the Parks and Street Scene contract be noted.

CCO Heritage Lottery Fund Application for Grove Park (Agenda item 8)

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The Panel considered a report of the Community Safety and Environment Service Manager regarding a bid for Heritage Lottery Funding for renovating and enhancing Grove Park. The Community Safety and Environment Service Manager responded to Members' questions about the application process and the financial implications of a successful application. Members commented on the significant part played by Friends Groups in supporting parks and public gardens and discussed opportunities for funding from local sources.

Concluded: that the submission of the Stage 1 Heritage Lottery Fund application be supported.

CCO Cyber Security (Agenda item 10)

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The Panel considered a report of the Information and ICT Security Manager concerning the LGA publication 'A councillor's guide to cyber security'. The Information and ICT Security Manager then responded to Members' questions about whether cyber security was included on the register of Corporate Risks; the potential for reputational damage arising from an ICT security breach and/or data loss; and business continuity plans in the event of a complete ICT failure. Members discussed whether to include cyber security on the work plan.

Concluded: that the report be noted.

CCO 7 Evening and Night Time Economy (ENTE) Community Safety (Agenda item 9)

The Community Safety Manager presented his report on work undertaken by the Safer and Stronger Communities Service in partnership with other agencies to improve the ENTE in Weston-super-Mare and the impact of measures to increase diversity with the town centre. The Community Safety Manager and Community Safety Engagement Officer then responded to Members' questions and queries particularly regarding Local Authority Alcohol Action Area and medical treatments available on the Mavis Bus.

Concluded: that the report be noted.

CCO 8 The Panel's Work Plan (Agenda item 11)

The Specialist Scrutiny Practitioner presented the work plan for discussion, reporting that the forthcoming meeting of the Waste Scrutiny Steering Group would look at revised collection rounds, street cleansing and fly-tipping enforcement. Additionally, the Chairman advised that the Panel would be holding an Appreciative Enquiry focussing on the Criminal Justice System later in the year. Members had discussed whether cyber security should be included in the work plan.

Concluded: that the Panel's Work Plan be updated and agreed

Chairman
