

Cabinet 23/3/17 - Comments from Overview & Scrutiny Panels

Part I

Corporate Services

Financial Update

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. The Chairman thanked the Lead Member, Cllr Saunders, for presenting the report. The Panel were pleased the budgets were back on target.

Council Manifesto Tracker

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. Subject to the comments below:

- The Panel were reassured that there were no targets not being met that put our residents at risk.
- Additional information was requested on the status of 03.04 – enhance and support conservation areas.
- Approved the more mature approach to manifesto commitments in that it was recognised that commitments would only be met if they were cost effective and were beneficial to our residents.
- 0605 - Encourage more people to volunteer in their community. The Panel asked for clarification on how we monitor the people who have to stop being volunteers.
- 0804 - Increase the number of litter and dog bins, and empty them regularly. Cllr E Wilson attended the meeting to raise the potential use of Big Belly Bins. Members were informed that the potential use of them could be raised at the senior leadership team meeting with Windsor Members. The chairman recommended that if the bins were to be introduced the company should first do a 12 month trial with one bins first.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Airey, Cllr Rankin and Cllr E Wilson for attending the meeting and contributing to the discussion on the item.

Proposal for a Shared Emergency Planning Service For Berkshire

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. The Panel were pleased to note that Cabinet were requesting that the Berkshire East team would be based in the borough. The Panel felt that it was important that the knowledge base of the Emergency officer should not be lost.

Culture & Communities O&S Panel

Additional Library Options

The CCOSP supported the paper. The Chairman commented it was a very worthwhile proposal.

The following two points were highlighted:

That the terminology to be used in the consultation with respect to the different types of mobile facility be revised to ensure clarity for residents, and the alignment of the additional provision will be to reflect satisfy the greatest service needs.

It was also agreed that Mark Taylor would confirm the approved capital provision and the previous capital approvals.

Children's Services

Financial Update

The Children's Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations related to children's services.

Standards and Quality of Education

The Children's Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations. The Panel felt it was important that all councillors understood the importance of their role as corporate parents and recommended that compulsory training for Members be introduced. They also recommended that Chart 2 – RBWM National rankings by school phase should be circulated to all councillors as it highlighted that disadvantaged pupils on average were achieving less well up to the age of 11 and that there should be increased focus on rectifying this.

Forest Bridge School

The Children's Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations.

Children's Services Business Plan

The Children's Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations.

Highways & Transport

Proposal for Shared Emergency Planning Service for Berkshire

The Panel endorsed the recommendations and added two further recommendations to Cabinet as follows:

1. If implemented, the proposals are to be reviewed after one year and at regular intervals thereafter.
2. The paper is brought back to Panel following the negotiations and prior to the proposal being implemented.

Adult Services & Health

Adult Services Business Plan 2017-2018

Approved unanimously as per the recommendations