

Cabinet 28/06/18 –
Comments from O&S Panels

Part I

Cabinet Report

Annual Performance Report 2017/18

Corporate Services - The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. The Panel felt that more contextual detail should be added to the report for the key performance indicators, that with regards to those children not being given a review at ages 2 to 2.5 that Cabinet is aware that there may be safeguarding issues, the Panel were informed that there were no issues with performance that would put vulnerable children or adults at risk and that Cabinet should be pro-active in getting the message to our resident that we are using stretched targets and performance is above the national average.

Transport & Highways – The Panel unanimously endorsed the Cabinet recommendations and requested that national comparable statistics be added to the report showing that the Borough is doing well nationally in comparison to other Local Authorities, and also for the report to show evidence of what work had been done since 2017 in bullet point format.

Children's Services - The Panel unanimously endorsed the Cabinet recommendations. The following suggestions were made by members:

- Reduce the size of the diagrams on pages 10 and 11, and increase the size of the text.
- A key for the Key Performance Indicators, and for the size of the text to be increased so that the targets can be seen more clearly.
- A comparison of the Key Performance Indicators against previous years and/or other local authorities.
- The inclusion of a Key Performance Indicator relating to Pupil Premium.

Members noted that the attainment rates of disadvantaged children, which is measured annually, were not included in the report

Members noted that the contents of the report was entirely positive, and suggested that for balance information on challenges and issues that the Council faced should also be included.

Culture and Communities - The Panel unanimously endorsed the Cabinet recommendations, the following points were made:

- The annual report was very accessible with great detail and breadth. This was a major step forward.

- The Panel agreed that a key was needed for the diagrams to show what the symbols indicated at the key performance section.
- The feedback on the phone call data could be presented in a more positive manner.
- A little explanation of why targets fell would assist understanding as there may be good reasons of why we fell short of fulfilling targets.
- What improvement strategies were in place for falling targets could be included in the report.
- All recommendations were noted and endorsed subject to the points above.

Planning and Housing – The Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. The Panel made the following comments:

- That the report be simplified for residents if possible.
- That national performance rates be used as a comparator.
- That figures are shown against neighbouring local authorities.
- That figures that are highlighted as negative, red or orange, are explained further, as figures are not reflective on national performance. Targets are ambitious, and as an authority we are performing well.

Adult Services - The Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations.

Financial Update

Corporate Services - The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. The Panel asked for additional information regarding the quality of pot hole repairs and if any action can be taken against utility companies doing poor repairs. The Panel also asked for clarification on the revenue budget for flexible homeless support; how the money was used and if it was linked to the upcoming homelessness report.

Infrastructure Including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Governance

Planning and Housing – The Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. The Panel recommended:

- That Parish Councils are communicated too with regards to the amount of CIL money available and where this money was then being spent. It was advised that a report would be published with this information, but Members wanted Parish Councils to be directly communicated with in regards to these figures.
- Whether the Working Group should be a Constituted Council meeting- Russell O'Keefe to discuss with Sean O'Connor.
- That the working group should be referenced as one name, as it is referenced as a working group, delivery group, infrastructure delivery

group. Members recommended that it should be known as the Infrastructure delivery group.

Options for Increased Capacity at Newlands Girls School

Children's Services - The Panel unanimously endorsed the Cabinet recommendations.

Conservation Area Appraisals Review Programme

Planning and Housing – The Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations and recommended changing of wording- That the use of “Local Development Framework” should be referred to as the emerging Borough Local Plan as Members as the LDF was believed to be terminology that was no longer fit for use.

Infrastructure: Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace Capacity and Suitable Alternative Greenspace (SANG) Delivery to Support the BLP

Planning and Housing – The Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. Councillor Hunt stated that where possible the Council should seek to purchase freehold as opposed to leasehold land for its intended projects/developments.

Vicus Way Car Park

Corporate Services - The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations. Concern was raised about the project methodology being used but the Panel welcomed the project and felt that it was being undertaken at the right time, in the right place and would help reduce town centre traffic. The Panel noted the Part II appendix.

Transport & Highways – The Panel unanimously endorsed the Cabinet recommendations and requested the following amendment: that the report amend the phrasing that the car park is a town car park and not a town centre car park.

Part II

RBWM Property Company LTD – Business Plan 2018-1023 and Q4 Performance Report

Corporate Services - The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously endorsed the recommendations.