

## CORPORATE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Councillors Phil Haseler, Julian Sharpe, Targowski and Simon Werner

Also in attendance: Councillor Clive Baskerville

Officers: Rob Stubbs, Steve Mappley, Catherine Hickman, Nabihah Hassan-Farooq

### ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN

Members of the Panel were invited to submit their proposals for the place of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year.

Councillor Werner proposed Councillor Jones as the Chairman of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel and this was seconded by Councillor Hill.

A second nomination for Councillor C Targowski for position of Chairman was proposed by Councillor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Haseler.

*(As two separate nominations had been received, a vote in favour of each member was taken.)*

**RESOLVED; That Councillor Targowski be elected as the Chairman of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel for the Municipal Year, 2019-2020.**

Councillor Hill proposed Councillor Jones as the vice-chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel, this was seconded by Councillor Werner.

Councillors Haseler proposed Councillor Sharpe as the Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Councillor C Targowski.

*(As two separate nominations had been received a show of hands by members for each nomination was taken.)*

**RESOLVED; That Councillor Sharpe be elected as Vice- Chairman of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel for the Municipal Year, 2019- 2020.**

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### WELCOME FROM THE NEW CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed all Members to the meeting and asked for members to introduce themselves.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Walters, ( Councillor Haseler present as substitute), and Councillor Jones ( Councillor Hill present as substitute).

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PANELS

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY; That the minutes of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be approved as a true and accurate record.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CORPORATE O&S PANEL/ ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Nabihah Hassan-Farooq, Scrutiny Officer ( RBWM) outlined the terms of reference of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Members queried whether there was a dedicated overview and scrutiny budget and it was confirmed that the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel would have oversight into any available budget. It was noted that there was no available budget for scrutiny purposes currently.

## WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020

Members of the Forum considered the forward work programme and Members agreed the following:

- That a new meeting be scheduled in October/November
- Feedback from residents- scrutiny topics to be added to 30<sup>th</sup> July meeting

Councillors Hill and Werner wished to place their disdain on record in relation to the removal of the budget reports. Members were informed that a monthly finance update was provided to Cabinet and that these reports were readily available. Members were informed that they were able to suggest specific scrutiny topics in relation to the budget to the Service Lead or at the next overview and scrutiny panel when discussing the forward work programme. Members were reminded that the forward work programme would form part of the agenda for all of the Overview & Scrutiny panel meetings.

## PERFORMANCE REPORTS 2019/2020

Anna Robinson, Performance and Strategy Manager ( RBWM) gave a verbal report on the way in which performance would be reported for the 2019/2020 period.

Members of the Panel were informed that RBWM currently had a performance management system which looked at the overall outcomes for the borough. Members were told that performance reports had been considered quarterly. The Panel were told that there were six strategic priorities and that each overview and scrutiny panel would receive reports relevant to their service areas. It was highlighted that Cabinet considered twenty five priorities and that there would be an emphasis on benchmarking moving forward.

Councillor Sharpe stated that it would be useful to have clear comparators of RBWM performance against other local authorities nationally. It was highlighted that each local authority would have a unique set of priorities which would be looked at and it may be difficult to provide a direct comparator of performance, but that it may be possible to provide performance data with more widely used priorities. Councillor Hill highlighted that members had previously observed Rushmoor Council and that observing other well performing local authorities may be useful.

## FUTURE DATES

Future meeting dates were confirmed as follows;

- 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 6.30pm- Council Chamber, Maidenhead
- 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019- 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Maidenhead
- 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020- 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Maidenhead

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020- 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Maidenhead

The meeting, which began at 6.30 pm, finished at 7.19 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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