

Management Committee

10 July 2018

Policy Library – Recommendation of Policy Development Committee

For Decision

Portfolio Holder(s)/ Briefholder

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Statutory Authority

Purpose of Report

- 1 To present the Policy Development Committee recommendations of 9 April 2018.

Recommendations

- 2 Members are asked to consider one of the following options:-
 - (a) To accept the conclusions of the Task Group:-
 - a) That the overdue DCP policies will continue to be fit for purpose for the remaining life of the Weymouth & Portland Borough Council until April 2019.
 - b) That the remaining sovereign policies due for review and selected for consideration by the task group would sufficiently serve the Council for the remainder of its term until April 2019.
 - (b) To take the action proposed by the Policy Development Committee and as set out below:-

That Brief holder(s) review the remaining outstanding policies in the Policy Library and refer back to Policy Development Committee any that were no longer fit for purpose for further review.

- (c) To take no further action.

Reason for Decision

- 3 To respond to a recommendation of the Policy Development Committee meeting 9 April 2018.

Background and Reason Decision Needed

- 4 The Policy Development Committee annually receives the policy library, primarily to influence the committee's work plan for the following 12 month period. At its meeting on 31 July 2017, the committee expressed concern about the number of policies that were overdue for review and challenged why this might be the case. The Policy Development Committee decided to set up a task group to review the policy library documents reflecting on the committee's concerns.

The task group met on a regular basis between the period of August to February 2018. As part of the review they examined and gathered evidence to present their conclusion to the committee. Details of the task group's review is set in their report of March 2018. A copy is attached to this report at Appendix 1 along with the Policy Library document set out at Appendix 2.

In considering the outstanding DCP and sovereign policies, the task group acknowledged that the decision of local government reorganisation (LGR) to form a Unitary Council in April 2019 and the formation of a Weymouth Town Council at the same time had impacted the continuance of the review process.

The members of the task group concluded that no further action should be taken regarding those policies that were still outstanding and recommended to members of the Policy Development Committee that the policies would sufficiently serve the council for the remainder of its term.

However, at its meeting on 9 April 2018, Policy Development Committee deemed it necessary that these outstanding policies should be reviewed and they also expressed concern that policies had not been allocated to individual Brief holders so they could be regularly reviewed.

The committee could not support the task group's recommendation and asked that Brief holders assess the remaining outstanding policies in the Policy Library and refer back to Policy Development Committee any that were considered no longer fit for purpose for further review.

The Management Committee is asked to consider what action it would like to take in response to Policy Development Committee's recommendation.

Implications

Corporate Plan

All policies, strategies and plans will have individual links to the Corporate Plan

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Report of the Task Group on behalf of the Policy Development Committee – March 2018.

Appendix 2 – Policy Library document

Background Papers

There were no background papers

Footnote

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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