

PLACE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2022

Present: Cllrs Carole Jones (Chairman), Les Fry (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Sherry Jespersen, Val Potheary and Andrew Starr

Apologies: Cllrs Toni Coombs, Maria Roe and Roland Tarr

Also present: Cllr Jon Andrews, Cllr Laura Beddow, Cllr Cherry Brooks, Cllr Ray Bryan, Cllr Spencer Flower and Cllr Jill Haynes

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

John Sellgren (Executive Director, Place), Aidan Dunn (Executive Director - Corporate Development S151), Jonathan Mair (Director of Legal and Democratic and Monitoring Officer), Dawn Adams (Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement), Deborah Smart (Corporate Director – Transformation, Innovation and Digital), Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. Minutes

As an update to the minutes circulated, the Chairman noted that at the meeting it had been requested that a copy of the draft proposal in respect of the 20mph speed limit guidance, be circulated to those members of the public that had attended the meeting, at an appropriate time.

Subject to the above, the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Chairman's Update

The Chairman reported that arrangements were being made for a meeting of the task and finish group looking at the 20mph speed limit guidance and as such, the item would not be considered at the committee scheduled for 26 July 2022.

4. Public Participation

There were no questions or statements from members of the public or local organisations.

5. Questions from Members

There were no questions submitted by councillors.

6. **Modern Slavery Transparency Statement**

The committee received and considered a report of the Service Manager Commercial and Procurement, which set out the proposed Dorset Council Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for the financial year 2021-22.

The committee considered the issues arising from the report and during discussion, the following areas were covered:

- The statement was reviewed on an annual basis
- The requirement for a generic point of contact on the Community Safety website
- Strengthening of word within paragraph 2.1 of the report to set out the role the Council 'must' have in this area
- Clarification of the wording in paragraph 8.1 of the report with regard to wellbeing issues
- Further information to be included with regard to how the Council looked at issues around supply chains.

Recommendation to Cabinet

That the proposed Modern Slavery Transparency Statement be approved, (subject to the amendments requested by the Place and Resources Overview Committee as set out above).

7. **Refreshed Council Plan 2019 - 2024**

The committee considered a report of the Corporate Director – Transformation, Innovation and Digital, which sought the committee's feedback, including any proposed amendments, to the draft refreshed Council Plan and draft Delivery Plan.

Comments and suggested amendments were made as follows:

Appendix A – Draft refreshed Dorset Council Plan 2019-24

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- Reference to Modern Slavery to be re-presented alongside other equalities objectives
- Reference to the culture of the organisation to be incorporated

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- Wording relating to transforming the customer experience to be reviewed to reflect the customer being put first
- Reference to Dorset Council estate to be clarified as property and assets

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- Preference expressed for first chart
- Suggestion to substitute 'modern' for 'forward thinking' customer focused council

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- Wording relating to 'reverse the decline of natural places' to be reviewed and reworded if appropriate
- Is there a need to reference the future built environment through planning?

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- Request for an alternative graphic for an older person
- Reference to collaboration to include voluntary groups
- Inclusion of a metric for food poverty
- Examples to be provided of community action

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- Wording to be included to show how the council could support and signpost others for actions around climate change
- Include reference to the availability of properties available for private rental
- Consideration as to whether reference to holiday homes should be included
- Penultimate paragraph – addition of wording to recognise the emerging needs to the population

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- Recognise the role of the council in 'supporting' or 'enabling' economic growth
- Need to reference transport on the page

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- Review wording 'Becoming a more modern, customer focused council' to reflect discussion; also consider role of businesses and visitors in addition
- Recognising different ways that people would like to get information from the council

Appendix B – Draft Delivery Plan 2022-24

Protecting our climate and ecology

- A section on natural assets would be included in the plan and what success would look like in this area
- Could delivery plan information be shown as a graphic?
- Include information on proposed improvements
- Reference to Power Purchase Agreements to be included
- Further examples of work being undertaken in the waste strategy team to be referenced

Creating stronger, healthier communities

- Wording to be reviewed to avoid use of jargon
- Further information required on some items including measurable targets
- Reference to measures around the reduction of use of food banks and pantries to be incorporated

Creating sustainable development and housing

- Amend reference to 'strategically' based local plan
- Change reference to 'garden town' to 'new settlement or town in Dorset'
- Wording to reflect current position with Local Plan and Local Transport Plan
- Points to be reordered into sections, (and in other sections) sequenced and set out what hope to achieve in each area

Driving economic growth

- Consideration of use of word 'prosperity'
- Wording around development in Weymouth to be checked
- Need to show how items link together
- Recognise success of grant funding achieved
- Demonstrate what success looks like and also looking forward
- Include statement of ambition and specific targets
- Recognise enabling role in this area

Becoming a more modern, customer focused council

- Ability to measure success at dealing with issues at first point of contact – link to key performance indicators
- Use of specific targets and performance monitoring
- Potential use of a residents' panel

The comments raised at the meeting would be taken on board by officers and the portfolio holder and the plan updated to be considered by Cabinet on 26 July 2022. All councillors could attend Cabinet to ask questions or speak on the item. The draft plan would also be considered by the People and Health Overview Committee on 28 June 2022, with their comments to be fed into the report to Cabinet.

8. **Place and Resources Overview Committee Forward Plan**

Councillors noted the committee's forward plan and items scheduled for the next meeting.

The Chairman asked about a potential review of an enforcement policy and further information on this would be provided by the Executive Director of Place following the meeting.

The Executive Director of Place asked the committee if they would include an additional item on the forward plan for the meeting on 28 July 2022, with regard to Redlands. The committee agreed that this item be added to the forward plan.

9. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

10. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 12.03 pm

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