

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE O&S

COMMITTEE

1030 hours on 1st November 2017, Committee Room 6 – Action Notes

Present:

Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq (Chair)

Councillors David Barrie, Randal Brew, Changese Khan, Ewan Mackey, Yvonne Mosquito, Rob Pocock Paul Tilsley, Waseem Zaffar

Also Present:

Cllr Ian Ward, Interim Leader of the Council

Iram Choudry, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chairman advised the meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Muhammad Afzal

3. CORPORATE RESOURCES & GOVERNANCE – ACTION NOTES

RESOLVED

(See document No 1)

The action notes from October 2017 were agreed.

4. INTERIM LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(See document No 2)

The Interim Leader outlined his key responsibilities and priorities. In response to questions from Members, the Leader made the following points:

- A summit of key stakeholders is scheduled to take place on January 2018 to develop the council's vision and priorities for 2018/19.
- Social Cohesion Strategy: The Council is developing this key piece of work in conjunction with its partners and members will also have the opportunity to contribute to its development.
- The Leader accepted that the council had not fully taken on board the recommendations set out within the Kerslake report but he was committed to developing a closer working relationship with the Birmingham Improvement Panel
- The Leader acknowledged that he wanted to see the Panel provide a greater level of challenge to the organisation and overall he saw their involvement as positive in taking the city forward

Commonwealth Games:

- The outcome of bid will be known by end of the month
- The games will be a real opportunity to transform the image of Birmingham both internationally and nationally
- The relationship between Council, the WMCA, the Mayor and its partners is key to ensuring success of the games
- Members felt that the games could have a real impact on areas of deprivation across the city and there should be a commitment from the council to ensure the living wage is paid to all those involved in the delivery of the games as well as ensuring no suppliers are offering staff zero hour contracts.
- With regards to the role of scrutiny and the games, the leader said he would be appointing a cross party committee to oversee the delivery of the games.
- Funding for the games: the leader was absolutely clear that no revenue funding from the council would be used for the games. Other sources would be identified in due course.

Service Birmingham

- The Leader is working very closely with Capita to secure the remaining savings identified within the contract are realised;
- In response to a question about potential job losses, the Leader would provide the committee with these figures;
- There was also concerns raised about the cancellation of the Strategic Board and the Leader would take this up with Cllr Brew outside of the meeting.

Local Leadership

- The Assistant Leaders would be presenting a report to the Labour Group addressing issues around localisation and the future role of District committees.
- Concerns were raised by members about support available to councillors in one member wards,

Other

- A member led review of the scrutiny would be taking place.
- Policy Statement: The Leader agreed with members that budget and policy statement need to be bought together.

Action

Figures on any job losses related to the changes to the Service Birmingham contract would be circulated to the committee.

5. WORK PROGRAMME

The Deputy Leader would be attending the December committee to provide members with an update on her priorities for the Council.

The Parish Council report would be presented to December City Council.

A further meeting to discuss the way forward on the procurement strategy overview will be held.

The HR briefing was scheduled for November 2nd 2017 @ 11.30am

RESOLVED

To note the work programme

6. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None

7. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

8. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Agreed

The meeting finished at 1235 hours.