

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE O&S

COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

1030 hours on 2nd November 2016, Committee Room 2 – Action Notes

Present:

Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq (Chair)

Councillors Muhammad Afzal, Randal Brew, Ray Hassall, Changese Khan, Chaman Lal, Ewan Mackey, Yvonne Mosquito, Rob Pocock, Hendrina Quinnen and Sybil Spence

Also Present:

Iram Choudry, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Piali Dasgupta, Assistant Chief Executive, Change & Support Services

Angela Probert, Strategic Director

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

None

3. CORPORATE RESOURCES & GOVERNANCE: ACTION NOTES 5TH OCTOBER 2016

(See document No 1)

Subject to the amendment that Cllr David Barrie was present, it was:

RESOLVED:-

To note the action notes

4. FUTURE COUNCIL UPDATE

(See document No 2)

Angela Probert, Strategic Director, took members through the slides provided. In the discussion, the following points were made:

- Members would find it useful to have a simple guide as to the role of members and officers.
- The vision for the council should include the role of the citizen within that. The different communities within Birmingham should be acknowledged as a part of this. The cohesion and equalities agenda was not clear within phase 1, and will be part of phase 2.
- Partnerships work focused on getting a handle on who are partners are, but did not move into looking at council behaviour with partners. There are very good examples but we need to consider how we can become a good partner across the organisation. A targeted approach is needed.
- The city council is an active member of Birmingham Partners; it has not chosen to be a strategic body.
- Mapping work for the Economy Directorate proved extremely time consuming and the – look at major relationships and where there are duplications with points of contact, to get more from these partnerships.
- The improvement panel returned at the end of September to see what progress has been made since March. They are likely to report in the next week. Overall the view is likely to be that lots of progress has been made and that there is a better leadership grip of the challenges, but still work to do around the budget.
- Following the member / officer workshops, a report is needed to summarise findings and next steps.
- Eleri Roberts, the new Assistant Director for Communications, is looking at communication and engagement with members. A working group has been set up to support this work.
- Cross party information sharing and consultation is critical.
- In addition, officers need clarity about what can be shared with an emphasis on being open and transparent.
- Phase 2 is based on a golden thread between vision and priorities. The full priority measures are still being worked up. The list of “Big Moves” will be available in mid-November.
- There is a gap between strategic and service delivery – there should be a fifth priority based on neighbourhoods and the matters that members face every day.
- There are good examples of bringing together officers at lower grades to share knowledge and drive improvement (e.g. the IT user group). This should be extended to other areas of the council.

- The Future Council working group will allow members to shape the second phase of the work; the next meeting is on Thursday 3rd November.

5. CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE O&S COMMITTEE: WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

(See document No 5)

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 1230 hours.