

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE O&S

COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

1430 hours on 18th July 2016, Committee Room 2 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq (Chair)

Councillors Randal Brew, Changese Khan, Chaman Lal, Ewan Mackay, Yvonne Mosquito, Rob Pocock, Hendrina Quinnen and Sybil Spence

Also Present:

Cllr John Clancy, Leader of the Council

Baseema Begum – Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Richard Cowell, Assistant Director Development

Kevin Hubery, Head of Strategic Policy

Peter Jones, Director of Property Services

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. APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, CHAIR, DEPUTY CHAIR AND MEMBERS

RESOLVED:-

i) To note the resolution of the City Council appointing the Committee, Chair and Members to serve on the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2017:-

Labour Group

Councillors Afzal, Aikhlaq (Chair), C Khan, Lal, Mosquito, Pocock, Quinnen and Spence.

Conservative Group

Councillors Brew, Mackey and Underwood.

It was noted that Cllr Anne Underwood will be withdrawing from the Committee and will be replaced at the next City Council meeting.

Liberal Democrat Group

Councillor Hassall.

(ii) To elect Cllr Randal Brew as Deputy Chair.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Muhammad Afzal, Ray Hassall and Anne Underwood.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

5. CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

(See document No 1)

RESOLVED:-

To note the Committee's terms of reference

6. REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(See document No 2)

Following an outline from the Leader, the discussion covered the priorities (including young people and safeguarding; house building); devolution including the potential for future parish councils; innovative approaches to bringing in finance (e.g. "Brummie Bonds"), participatory budgeting; the need for leadership and staffing with regard to Bereavements Services; property services and how we use assets to drive economic growth.

In addition the Committee heard that:

- The Leader will be the economic and growth lead on the Combined Authority and this will include delivery of strategic econ plans, access to finance, the growth company, international trade and exports , digital and arts and cultural activity;

- The Leader will expect to be judged by the number of houses built in two years' time as well as school results and delivering the free school meals programme.
- The Children's Society have been asked to report by the end of the summer on free school meals so that the decision can be made in the autumn;
- The Council has to decide in October whether to avail itself of a four year settlement. That may be advisable if Birmingham receives fair funding. If that is agreed, then radical changes may be needed to the budget.

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

(See document No 3)

The work programme was noted and it was agreed that two sub-groups would be set up with regards to the Future Council and a short inquiry into issues around bereavement services. Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, undertook to email the Committee to agree nominations to the sub-groups.

Cllr Brew raised the matter of partnership working, in particular in relation to concerns with how the City Council relates to organisations we work with and lessons to be learned.

Cllr Yvonne Mosquito asked which Committee would deal with conditions of EU workers in our city and the responsibilities of the City Council. Emma Williamson undertook to confirm and report back to the Committee.

8. CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - DATES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED:-

i) That the Committee meets on the following Wednesdays at 1030 hours in the Council House:

2016	2017
7 September	4 January
5 October	1 February
2 November	1 March
14 December	5 April

(ii) The Committee approved Wednesdays at 1030 hours as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions

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

9A. REQUEST FOR CALL IN: DISPOSAL OF LAND AT GREAT CHARLES STREET, BIRMINGHAM – PUBLIC

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Agreed

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Request for Call In - Disposal of Land at Great Charles Street, Birmingham - Exempt Paragraph 3
