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Membership of the Executive

Cllr John Ward (Chairman) Cllr Paul Follows (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Peter Clark Cllr Andv MacLeod

Cllr Michaela Martin

Cllr Mark Merryweather

Cllr Nick Palmer

Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman

Cllr Liz Townsend Cllr Steve Williams

Dear Councillors

A SPECIAL meeting of the EXECUTIVE will be held as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 6 APRIL 2021

TIME: 6.00 PM

PLACE: **ZOOM MEETING - VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR Head of Policy and Governance

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NOTES FOR MEMBERS

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AGENDA

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u>

To receive from members, declarations of interest in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting, in accordance with the Waverley Code of Local Government Conduct.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader to respond to any questions received from Members in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.

The deadline for submission of questions is 5pm on Tuesday 30 March 2021.

- 4. <u>LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' UPDATES</u>
- 5. GOVERNANCE MATTERS (Pages 7 16)

[Portfolio Holder: Councillor John Ward, Councillor Paul Follows] [Wards Affected: All Wards]

The purpose of this report is to propose a number of governance changes that are considered to be in the best interests of the Council in order to fulfil the Corporate Strategy 2020-2025, adopted in October 2020. The proposed governance changes seek to respond to and achieve the Council's vision as set out within that strategy, in particular the need to promote:

- 'Open, democratic and participative governance'; and
- •'An effective strategic planning and development management which supports the planning and infrastructure needs of local communities'.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive:

RECOMMENDS TO FULL COUNCIL that

- the temporary WESTERN and EASTERN planning committee arrangements first incorporated into the Constitution on 22 July 2020 by Full Council and extended on 20 October 2020 by Full Council <u>be made</u> <u>permanent</u> (until such time as Full Council resolves to make any further changes to them) with the current Terms of Reference; and
- the Head of Policy and Governance be authorised to make the corresponding revisions to the Constitution with the Chairman of the Standards Committee.

2. RECOMMENDS TO FULL COUNCIL that it

- agrees to the principle of moving to a governance structure whereby
 Waverley Borough Council no longer operates four overview and
 scrutiny committees but instead operates two overview and scrutiny
 committees, 'corporate' and 'community', and a new Housing Landlord
 Services Board whilst retaining the existing constitutional ability to
 establish informal OS working groups (as set out in section 4.2); and
- <u>asks the Standards Committee</u> to develop and recommend to Full Council for adoption the necessary proposed constitutional amendments to achieve this change, including terms of reference for the new committees.

3. RECOMMENDS TO FULL COUNCIL that it

- agrees to the principle of moving to a governance structure whereby
 Waverley Borough Council expands the remit of the existing Standards
 Committee to become a 'Standards and General Purposes Committee'
 which, as well as dealing with the Standards and Constitutional issues
 it currently does, would also take responsibility for a range of other
 functions and pick up issues that arise over the course of time that do
 not obviously sit elsewhere (as set out in section 4.3); and
- <u>asks the Standards Committee</u> to develop and recommend to Full Council for adoption the necessary proposed constitutional amendments to achieve this change.

4. RECOMMENDS TO FULL COUNCIL that it

- <u>agrees to the principle</u> of reintroducing the capacity for *Executive Working Groups* to be constituted in order to shape and drive policy development across a range of portfolio areas (as set out in section 4.4); and
- <u>asks the Standards Committee</u> to develop and recommend to Full Council for adoption the necessary proposed constitutional amendments to achieve this change.

5. RECOMMENDS TO FULL COUNCIL that it

 Asks the Standards Committee to carry out a general and comprehensive review of the Constitution to ensure it remains fit for purpose and to bring forward to Full Council any proposed constitutional amendments arising from its review (as set out in section 4.5).

6. <u>COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) BIDDING CYCLE 2020/2021</u> (Pages 17 - 24)

[Portfolio Holder: Councillor Nick Palmer] [Wards Affected: All Wards]

As per the approved CIL governance arrangements, the Executive is delegated to approve bids for allocation of Strategic CIL Funding, on the recommendation of the CIL Advisory Board, subject to an upper limit of £2.5m per individual award, above which approval reverts to Full Council.

This report seeks to gain approval from the Executive for the allocation of Strategic CIL funding to the projects recommended for funding by the CIL Advisory Board.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive agree the recommendations of the CIL Advisory Board and approve the allocation of Strategic CIL funding to the projects as set out in this report subject to the completion of the final relevant checks and the signing of funding agreements, the detail of which is delegated to the Strategic Director in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Enforcement Services.

7. PROPERTY MATTER - LEASE OF LAND FOR 1X SUBSTATION WITH ASSOCIATED CABLING AND EASEMENTS, FARNHAM (Pages 25 - 32) [Portfolio Holder: Cllr Andy MacLeod] [Wards Affected: Farnham Moor Park]

To seek approval to grant a lease to Electricity Network Company Limited for siting of a further electricity sub-station with associated cabling and easements to the Brightwells site.

Recommendation

That the Executive authorises the grant of a new lease to Electricity Network Company Ltd and easements for the electricity sub-stations and cabling, on the terms proposed in (Exempt) Annexe 1.

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation on the motion of the Chairman, if necessary:

Recommendation

That, pursuant to Procedure Rule 20, and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the

meeting during consideration of the following item(s) on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified at the meeting in the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

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