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Membership of the Executive

Cllr Paul Follows (Chairman) Cllr Kika Mirylees
Cllr Peter Clark (Vice Chairman) Cllr Nick Palmer

Cllr Andy MacLeod Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman

Cllr Penny Marriott Cllr Liz Townsend Cllr Mark Merryweather Cllr Steve Williams

Dear Councillors

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE will be held as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2021

TIME: 6.00 PM

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS,

GODALMING

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

Contact Officers are shown at the end of each report and members are welcome to raise questions, make observations etc. in advance of the meeting with the appropriate officer.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Leader, Deputy Leader or an appropriate Portfolio Holder to respond to any informal questions from members of the public, for a maximum of 15 minutes.

[Questions will be taken in the order in which questioners register with the Democratic Services Officer prior to the start of question time. When read out, each question must be concluded within 2 minutes. In the event that it is not possible to give a verbal response, a written response will be provided following the meeting.]

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings held on 7 September and 22 September 2021.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

3. <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.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from members of the public for which notice has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

The deadline for receipt of questions is Tuesday 28 September 2021 at 5pm.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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

The deadline for receipt of questions is Tuesday 28 September 2021 at 5pm.

6. LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' UPDATES

7. COMMENTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Recommended that the Executive consider the comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as set out below.

Value for Money and Customer Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 13 September 2021

The Committee asked for decisive action to resolve the issues with one of the property matters contained in the exempt annexe to the Property Investment Advisory Board Activity Update report.

Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 15 September 2021

The Committee made comments and recommendations on the New Funding Process and Arrangement for Voluntary Sector Organisation 2022 / 2025 and these have been incorporated into the consultation and engagement section of the report at item 9 on this agenda.

8. <u>AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT IN WAVERLEY</u> (Pages 7 - 14) [Portfolio Holder: Councillor Anne-Marie Rosoman]

For the Executive to agree Waverley Borough Council's plans and commitment to support Afghan refugees through the Home Office Resettlement Programmes.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive:

- supports the commitment to secure five to ten homes, in the Borough, to assist Afghan refugees, through the Home Office resettlement programmes over a two-year period, subject to the availability of suitable homes,
- agrees to recruit a designated support worker, for up to three years, costs expected to be met by central government funding, and
- approves the addendum to the Housing Allocation Scheme to allocate homes directly to eligible Afghan refugees for a twoyear period as set out at Annexe One.

9. <u>THE BURYS DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS APPRAISAL STAGE 1</u> (Pages 15 - 22)

[Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mark Merryweather]

Obtain approval from the Executive to progress to the next governance stage

of the Burys Development project and authorise funds to enable the project to progress to Stage 2.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive

- •Note the progress made on the Burys Development Project to date, as detailed in Annexe 1.
- •Approve a further budget of £15,000 to progress to Stage 2, to be met from the balance on the original approval and the Property Investment Reserve.
- 10. NEW FUNDING PROCESS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2022 TO 2025 THRIVING COMMUNITIES COMMISSIONING FUND (Pages 23 50) [Portfolio Holder: Councillor Kika Mirylees]

This report sets out the proposed Thriving Communities Commissioning Fund process and documentation to operate the scheme. The scheme will replace the current Service Level Agreement scheme.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive, after considering comments from the Community Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

- 1. Agrees to launch the Thriving Communities Commissioning scheme as set out in the report.
- 11. REVIEW OF THE MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME: REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (Pages 51 72)

 [Portfolio Holder: Councillor Paul Follows]

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) provide that it is for each local authority to decide its Members Allowances Scheme, and the amounts to be paid under that Scheme. Councils are required to establish an Independent Remuneration Panel to provide advice on its Allowances Scheme, and to carry out periodic reviews of the Scheme. Council must have regard to the recommendations of the IRP before making any changes to the Members Scheme of Allowances.

A review of the Waverley Scheme of Members' Allowances by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) was carried out on 21 and 27 July 2021, and the IRP's report is attached at Annexe 1.

Having considered the report and recommendations of the IRP, the Executive is asked to make appropriate recommendations to Full Council on changes to the Members Allowances Scheme.

Recommendation

Executive recommends to Full Council that:

- 1. The report and recommendations of the IRP are noted.
- 2. In view of the continuing significant pressure on the Council's budgets, there is no change to the Members Allowances Scheme until after the next Borough elections in May 2023, at which time the Scheme should be reviewed again by an independent remuneration panel.
- 3. The annual indexation of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances in line with the percentage increase in staff salaries continues from 1 April 2022 for up to three years.

12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation on the motion of the Chairman:-

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.

13. PROPERTY MATTER: WEY COURT EAST PROPOSAL (Pages 73 - 90)

[Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mark Merryweather]

Recommendation

That the Executive agree the recommendations set out in the Exempt report.

14. <u>PROPERTY MATTER: TICES MEADOW, FARNHAM</u> (Pages 91 - 98) [Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mark Merryweather]

Recommendation

That the Executive agree the recommendations set out in the Exempt report.

15. ANY OTHER ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IN EXEMPT SESSION

To consider matters (if any) relating to aspects of any reports on this agenda which, it is felt, may need to be considered in Exempt session.

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