

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY WELLBEING
- 20 NOVEMBER 2017

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

Present

Cllr Andy MacLeod (Chairman)	Cllr Sam Pritchard
Cllr Liz Wheatley (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Bob Upton
Cllr Val Henry	Cllr Ross Welland
Cllr Mike Hodge	

Apologies

Cllr Denis Leigh

21. MINUTES (Agenda item 1.)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTES (Agenda item 2.)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Denis Leigh.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3.)

There were no declarations of interests in connection with items on the agenda.

24. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4.)

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

25. WAVERLEY TRAINING SERVICES (Agenda item 7.)

The Committee received a presentation from Kelvin Mills, the Head of Communities and Adele O'Sullivan, the Centre Manager for Waverley Training Services on the main risks associated with the delivery of Waverley Training Services and the mitigations that had been put in place. The slides are attached to these minutes.

The Committee was provided with some background to the Service which was currently based at the Pump House in Farnham and would shortly be moving to the new Farnham Memorial Hall. Members were advised that the Service provided apprenticeships, study programmes, privately funded qualifications and was the lead provider for a number of sub-contracted provision.

The Committee was advised about the Apprenticeship Levy which was a tax on all large UK employers with a pay bill of over £3million per annum. They were required to pay 0.5% of their annual payroll into the levy and these funds could be used to

pay for new apprenticeships. The Levy was part of the Government's plan to increase the quantity and quality of Apprenticeships and came into effect in April 2017. Funds could only be used towards the costs of apprenticeship training. They could not be used on other associated costs such as apprentice wages, travel and subsidiary costs or the costs of setting up an apprenticeship programme.

The Committee was presented with the performance statistics for 2016/17 and it was noted that they were attracting more apprentices and the total number on the study programme had also increased. However, the latest ofsted report had indicated that there were areas that needed to be improved and, consequently, they needed to make some changes. A new Business Plan would be put in place and a new marketing and communication plan to further improve its image and get more people using the Services it offered. It was a period of big change for the Service. **It was agreed that there should be put in place improved communication of the role of the service with key stakeholders and promotion in the community of the service's benefits for young people and would like to see the business plan at its next meeting.**

26. WORK PROGRAMME (Agenda item 5.)

The Work Programme was received and noted.

27. UPDATE ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES TASK GROUP (Agenda item 8.)

The Chairman provided the Committee with an update on the Health Inequalities Working Group which had recently met to hear evidence from a range of witnesses about the impact that negative life style behaviours, e.g. smoking, alcohol consumption, drug misuse and obesity, had on health, wellbeing and life expectancy. The group also discussed what successful prevention looked like and how this could be applied in policy at a local level. The next meeting would take place in January and a report would come back to the Committee in March.

28. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda item)

At 8.10 pm it was

RESOLVED 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 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 the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely:-

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

29. FEASIBILITY STUDY (Agenda item 6.)

The Committee received a presentation from Kelvin Mills, the Head of Communities on the leisure feasibility report which had recently been completed. The presentation outlined future options for the Council's Leisure facilities and officers would work with Town and Parish Councils to develop these options further.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 9.10 pm

Chairman

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