

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE - 5 NOVEMBER 2019

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 10 DECEMBER 2019

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

Present

Cllr John Ward (Chairman)	Cllr John Neale
Cllr Paul Follows (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Nick Palmer
Cllr Andy MacLeod	Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman
Cllr Mark Merryweather	Cllr Steve Williams

Apologies

Cllr David Beaman

Also Present

Councillor Julia Potts

EXE 30/19 MINUTES (Agenda item 1)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

EXE 31/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3)

There were no declarations of interests in relation to items on the agenda.

EXE 32/19 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4)

There were no questions from members of the public.

EXE 33/19 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (Agenda item 5)

There were no questions from Members.

EXE 34/19 LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' UPDATES (Agenda item 6)

34.1 The Leader reported that he had met with Jeremy Hunt and Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, on 4 November and had pressed them to provide better guidance to Planning Inspectors on the weight to be given to Local and Neighbourhood Plans when considering planning appeals. He had also raised the issue of developers not building out planning permissions they had been granted, and the lack of powers the local planning authority had to apply sanctions. The Minister had promised to consider both matters.

EXE 35/19 COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY (Agenda item 7)

- 35.1 Cllr Follows, whose Executive Portfolio included Communications and Engagement, introduced the new Communications and Engagement Strategy, 2019-23. The Strategy, which would replaced the expiring Communications and Public Relations Strategy, sought to improve and modernise the Communications and Engagement service at the Council. It would require a significant shift in terms of operations, expectations, prioritisation and culture. It would provide better value for money for the Council, help improve relations with stakeholder by ensuring their views were heard, and be vital in supporting the delivery and success of important council initiatives and priorities.
- 35.2 **The Executive RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that the Communications and Engagement Strategy be approved.**

Reason: to update the Council's Communications and PR Strategy 2014-19, and to reflect the evolution of the work of the Communications Team towards more engagement activity.

EXE 36/19 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS (Agenda item 8)

- 36.1 Cllr Palmer, Portfolio Holder for Operational and Enforcement Services, introduced the report setting out the results of the consultations on the proposed introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to dog controls, and the proposed timetable for progressing this work.
- 36.2 Issues relating to irresponsible dog ownership had featured highly in feedback from the public, and the Council had made a PSPO in relation to dog-fouling. Following extensive consultation, it was now recommended that a second PSPO be made in relation to dog controls, including dogs on lead by direction, dogs on lead, and dog exclusion zones. The proposed PSPO had been revised following consultation to strike a balance between the rights of dog-owners and the rights of other people to enjoy open spaces.
- 36.3 **The Executive RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that the proposed Public Space Protection Order in respect of dog controls be made.**

Reason: To address concerns raised by the public regarding irresponsible dog ownership.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.06 pm