

CORPORATE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

At a meeting of the Corporate Policy and Performance Board on Tuesday, 1 November 2016 in the Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present: Councillors Gilligan (Chair), A. Lowe (Vice-Chair), Abbott, E. Cargill, Howard, A. McInerney, Joe Roberts, G. Stockton and Wainwright

Apologies for Absence: Councillor N. Plumpton Walsh

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Reaney, I. Leivesley, G. Ferguson, S. Davies, T. Dean and J. Hughes

Also in attendance: Under Standing Order No 33, Councillor R. Hignett

ITEM DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD

		<i>Action</i>
CS16	MINUTES	
	The Minutes from the meeting held on 6 th September 2016 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.	
CS17	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	
	The Board was advised that no public questions had been received.	
CS18	EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES	
	The Board was presented with the Minutes relating to the Corporate Services Portfolio which had been considered by the Executive Board since the last meeting of the Board.	
	Under Minute No CS14, it was agreed that additional information would be circulated to Members on the current situation at East Lane with regard to Council Tax/Business rate collection.	
	RESOLVED: That the minutes be noted.	

CS19 INTERIM CORPORATE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT
1.4.16-1.9.16

Tony Dean, Principal Health and Safety Advisor, presented the Committee with the Corporate Health, Safety and Welfare Policy and the Corporate Accident/ Incident report from 1 April to 1 September 2016. The interim health and safety report on the performance of health and safety management in relation to Key Performance Indicators for the current financial year was appended.

The report highlighted:

1. national and local health and safety information together with identified trends;
2. that there had been a year by year decrease in the number of accidents resulting in 'days lost', with 10 this year and 13 for the same period last year;
3. this decrease was primarily due to the reduction in the number of manual handling accidents, in particular involving Social Care staff, and also slips and trips accidents, which took place whilst working outdoors;
4. there had been a significant decrease in the number of physical violent incidents on both Council and school staff; and
5. although there has been a slight decline in the use of the Lone Working Monitoring system, new equipment was now available that was easier to carry and raise an alarm and also, new processes implemented that were intended to expedite registration and training.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

CS20 EXTERNAL FUNDING UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the work of the Regeneration Non Town Centres (RNTC) Team in securing funding resources into Halton. The report highlighted:

- success rate of applications and reasons for unsuccessful bids;
- an overview of major funding streams, including an update on the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF);
- the cost of the team against the level of funding secured;

- effect on the Council's core budget, if any, of securing external funding; and
- a preliminary assessment of the likely implications for the Borough of the recent EU referendum decision.

Arising from the discussion, it was agreed that the following information would be circulated to Members:

- On page 33, clarification on the criteria for deciding 'significant company'; and
- a document on the pressures facing local authorities due to post referendum implications and Government funding reductions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and a further update report be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

CS21 PROPERTY SERVICES UPDATE

The Board received a report from the Strategic Director Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on initiatives and actions which Property Services had delivered during the last 12 months. In addition, the report identified future work priorities.

In respect of carbon emission reductions, clarification was sought on the street lighting figure and it was agreed that further information would be circulated to Members.

With regard to Markets, the Board discussed the annual surplus, arrears collection, signage and promotion of the Markets and street markets. It was agreed that a further update report would be brought back to the Board in six months.

RESOLVED: That

1. the report be noted; and
2. the progress being made on a wide range of land and property related initiatives and actions be welcomed.

Meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.