

**COUNCIL BUSINESS
COMMITTEE**

5.55 P.M.

23RD APRIL 2009

PRESENT:- Councillors Rob Smith (Chairman), Evelyn Archer, Susan Bray, Geoff Knight, Karen Leytham, Joyce Pritchard and Morgwn Trolinger

Officers in attendance:-

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| Roger Muckle | Corporate Director (Finance and Performance) |
| Elizabeth Stokes | Corporate Performance Manager (part) |
| Debbie Chambers | Principal Democratic Support Officer |
| Jenny Kay | Democratic Support Officer |

39 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

39 CORPORATE PLAN 2009/10

The Corporate Director (Finance and Performance) presented a report which requested the Committee to consider the draft Corporate Plan 2009/10 prior to referral to full Council for approval.

Members were reminded that they had considered the draft Corporate Plan at their last meeting on 12th March and agreed to consider the Plan further after a briefing on the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership (LDLSP) before the meeting.

Concern was expressed as the Plan was still not complete with a number of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) missing. The Committee went on to discuss how the inclusion of outstanding KPIs would be agreed and a mechanism to agree further amendments to the Plan during its lifetime.

Resolved :

- (1) That the draft Corporate Plan for 2009/10 as amended be referred to Council for approval.
- (2) That any further minor textual changes and inclusion of outstanding KPIs be delegated to the Corporate Director (Finance and Performance) in conjunction with the Chairman of Council Business Committee and that any amendments be identified and highlighted.
- (3) That as part of the annual Corporate Plan approval process, Cabinet be required to meet shortly after the Annual Business Council meeting to consider the Corporate Plan with a view to agreeing Cabinet portfolios that are clear, focused and transparent in delivering the Council's corporate priorities and objectives.
- (4) That Council delegate the consideration of any further amendments to the Corporate Plan to Council Business Committee prior to referral to full Council for formal approval.

40 SUPPORTING COUNCILLORS DECLARATION

The Principal Democratic Support Officer presented a report which advised of a request from the I&DeA to sign up to their Supporting Councillors Declaration.

It was reported that the I&DeA was inviting all Councils to commit to the ten statements included in the Declaration which set out the standards of support for Councillors which they would undertake to provide.

Members were reminded that the LGIU had launched a Supporting Councillors Manifesto the previous year but the Committee had felt the Council were not in a position to commit further resources to any of the proposals contained in the Manifesto.

The Committee discussed the Supporting Councillors Declaration and unanimously agreed Option 1 as set out in the report.

Resolved :

That the Council support and sign up to the I&DeA Declaration on the basis that existing Member support meets the requirements of the declaration.

41 FUTURE OWNERSHIP OF ROYAL MAIL

(Jenny Kay declared a personal interest in respect of the following item.)

The Head of Democratic Services submitted a report which detailed a request from Ryedale District Council for support on the issue of retaining a publicly owned mail service. The Committee was asked to consider whether to take any further action regarding the request from Ryedale Council

Members unanimously agreed Option 2 as set out in the report.

Resolved :

That the request from Ryedale District Council for retaining a publicly owned mail service be referred to Council for debate by all Members.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 6.35 p.m.)

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