

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6.00 P.M.

3RD APRIL 2019

PRESENT:- Councillors Nigel Goodrich (Chairman), June Ashworth, Alan Biddulph, Tracy Brown, Caroline Jackson and David Whitaker

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillors Rob Devey and John Reynolds

Officers in attendance:-

Kieran Keane	Chief Executive
Mark Davies	Director for Communities and the Environment
Stephen Metcalfe	Principal Democratic Support Officer
Jenny Kay	Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer

34 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2019 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

35 FINAL REPORT OF THE CUSTOMER SERVICES AND FUTURE COMPLAINTS POLICY INFORMAL TASK GROUP

Members of the Committee considered the Final Report of the Customer Services and Future Complaints Policy Informal Task Group. Two slight amendments on the wording of Recommendations 3 and 4 were agreed.

Resolved :-

That the Final Report of the Customer Services and Future Complaints Policy Informal Task Group with the amendments referred to above, be approved and referred to the Monitoring Officer for determination in accordance with Part 4, Section 5, paragraph 12 of the City Council's Constitution.

36 UPDATES ON THE EDEN (NORTH) PROJECT

The Chief Executive provided the Committee with an update on the Eden (North) project.

It was reported that the Council was working with Eden and the other partners involved to move the project along in terms of the initial agreed funding. Discussions were taking place regarding the principles of the project in terms of what it could bring to Morecambe. Representatives from Eden were keen that Morecambe should benefit from the project including the use of local businesses where possible.

Negotiations were taking place and these would be considered by Council in the summer which would then give Eden the certainty of the project to enable funding bids to be sought.

Resolved:-

That the oral update be noted.

37 WORK PROGRAMME REPORT

Members were reminded that, at the Call-in that took place in August 2018, the Committee had agreed :

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee refer to the Constitutional Working Group the following issues :

- (i) Clarification of what should be referred to Cabinet or Council regarding spending of the City Council's reserves.*
- (ii) Request the Constitutional Working Group to consider additional parameters should be set on the amount Cabinet can spend from the City Council's Reserves.*

It was reported that this issue had been considered by the Constitutional Working Group but did not seem to be included in the revised Constitution that was being considered by Council the following week.

It was agreed to raise the omission with the Monitoring Officer to allow this to be reported into the Council meeting on 10th April 2019.

Resolved:-

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee raise the omission regarding the City Council's reserves with the Monitoring Officer to allow this to be reported into the Council meeting on 10th April 2019.

38 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman, as it was the last meeting of the Committee for this term, expressed his thanks to Jenny Kay and Stephen Metcalfe for their hard work supporting the Committee and other officers who had attended to provide advice and information on specific topics.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 6.33 p.m.)

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