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## Decision Summary

**Committee:**

**Date:**

**Committee Clerk:**

**TEL:**

**CORPORATE SCRUTINY PANEL**

**FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019**

**Helen Kilroy**

**01484 221000**

### **Chair**

Councillor Andrew Cooper

### **Councillors Attended**

Councillor Mahmood Akhtar  
Councillor James Homewood  
Councillor John Lawson  
Councillor Will Simpson  
Councillor John Taylor

### **Co-optees**

Philip Chaloner

### **Attendees**

Andy Simcox  
Nick McMillan

### **Observers**

Councillor Graham Turner  
Eamonn Croston, Service Director for Finance and Section 151 Officer

### **Apologies**

Julie Muscroft

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## **1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 September 2019.

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 September 2019 be agreed.

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## **2 Interests**

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

No interests were declared.

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## **3 Admission of the Public**

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

All items were considered in public session.

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## **4 Deputations/Petitions**

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

No deputations or petitions were received.

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## **5 Public Question Time**

The meeting will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions from the public were received.

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## **6 Quarter 1 Corporate Performance Report**

The report provides the Panel with an overview of the Council's corporate performance at the end of Quarter 1 2019/20 in respect of those aspects of the report that relate to the Corporate Plan aspiration to 'work smart and deliver effectively and efficiently'.

Contact Officer:  
Nick McMillan – Directorate Performance Lead Officer  
Tel: 01484 221000.

- (1) The Panel noted the overview of the Council's Corporate Performance at the end of Quarter 1 2019/20 and thanked Andy Simcox and Nick McMillan for their contributions.
  - (2) That information on the Council's future ambition on sickness absence, benchmarking with other West Yorkshire Local Authorities and good news stories be explored for future inclusion in performance reports.
  - (3) That Transformation within the organisation which has had an impact on the reduction in agency spend be explained in future reports.
  - (4) That information on improvements on the Local Wealth Creation, the Council's future ambition and benchmarking with other West Yorkshire Local Authorities be explored for inclusion in future reports.
  - (5) That the Panel be consulted on the early development and testing of dashboards for self-service access to data.
  - (6) That Officers explore whether mental health was effectively represented in the performance data and whether it was having an impact in terms of staff absences.
  - (7) That officers explore whether consultation and engagement with local businesses on performance data was a possibility and whether this could then influence the Council's Strategies and priorities.
  - (8) That the Panel consider a report to a future meeting on the Volunteering offer, including details of the prospectus and volunteering opportunities and how this could be further promoted by the Council.
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## **7 Work Programme 2019/20**

The Panel will review its Work Programme for 2019/20

Contact Officer:

Sheila Dykes – Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer  
Tel: 01484 221000.

- (1) That the 2019/20 Agenda Plan for the Corporate Scrutiny Panel be noted and updated as agreed.
  - (2) That Sharon Salvanos from Elections be invited to a future meeting of the Panel to report on the contingency plans for Kirklees residents who will no longer be able to vote at an election without photograph ID, as announced in the recent Queen's Speech.
  - (3) That the Panel consider a report in November 2019 giving an update on the preparation and impact of leaving the European Union and the implications for Kirklees.
  - (4) That the Governance Officer be authorised to liaise with officers on agreed actions.
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