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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CORPORATE SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday 19th April 2018

Present: Councillor Gulfam Asif (Chair)
Councillor Hilary Richards
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Carole Pattison

Co-optees Philip Chaloner
Linda Summers

In attendance: Cllrs Turner, Stewart-Turner and Scott
Carl Whistlecraft, Head of Democracy
Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Strategic Director (Corporate
Strategy and Public Health)
Helen Bewsher (Observer)
Eamonn Croston, Head of Finance and Accountancy
David Hamilton, Director of Transformation

Apologies: Cllrs Homewood and Pervaiz

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

2 Interests

No interests were declared.

3 Admission of the Public

Agreed all agenda items to be considered in the public session.

4 Cabinet Member End of Year Update

The Panel considered a report briefing Members on the progress made against the Cabinet priorities for the Corporate Portfolio in 2017/18 and welcomed Councillor Turner to the meeting.

Councillor Turner gave an update and highlighted the following key issues:-

- **Access to Services** – was developing well and officers were working across the Council with other elected members with a view to bringing a paper back to Cabinet later in the year;
- **Procurement** – work was ongoing on how to do procurement across the Council moving forward and trying to work towards defined categories; looking how to do more effectively and have more governance to ensure more vigorous monitoring was in place and looking at savings identified

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- **Air Quality** - had recently been discussed at full Council and was a national issue which needed support from the Government;
- **Transformation of Frontline Services** – was ongoing and tied in with Access to Services;
- **Waste** – The Council was trying to reduce Waste and Cllr Khan was the lead Cabinet Member for this area.

RESOLVED - .

That Cabinet Members report on progress made against the Cabinet priorities for the Corporate Portfolio in 2017/18 at the first meeting of the Panel in the 2018/19 municipal year.

5 Democracy Commission Update

The Panel considered a report on the work of the Kirklees Democracy and in particular progress since the last update on 20th October 2017 and welcomed Councillor Cath Scott and Carl Whistlecraft to the meeting.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the update on the work of the Kirklees Democracy and in particular progress since the last update on 20th October 2017, be noted and that Councillor Scott and Carl Whistlecraft be thanked for attending the meeting.
- 2) That the Democracy Commission Outcomes be circulated to the Panel.

6 Financial Monitoring

The Panel considered a high level overview of the Council's financial monitoring, incorporating the current position in 2017-18 and 2018-20 approved budget key highlights.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the update on the high level overview of the Council's financial monitoring, incorporating the current position in 2017-18 and 2018-20 approved budget key highlights, be noted.
- 2) That the Panel and other elected Members receive training to help them to better understand the Council's budget reports and financial information.

7 Forward Plan – Looking forward to 2018/19

The Panel considered issues to be put forward for consideration within the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2018/19.

RESOLVED –

That the items identified by the Panel for consideration within the Panel's Work Programme for 2018/19 be put forward in the draft programme to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.