

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

Councillors Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Patricia Jenkins, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

P966 Apologies: Cllr Keith House, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris

P967 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 7 July 2020

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

None arising not already on the agenda. Cllr Corben noted that the first market was a success with seven stalls and it is anticipated that there would be more this week.

P968 Correspondence

Two requests have been received from residents asking to purchase land belonging to HETC. Cllrs discussed the position and agreed that they would like to see a detailed report on the requests **RESOLVED: Report to be prepared for October meeting. Cllrs to be sent the Eastleigh policy on land request to have a framework to look at.**

The minutes and papers of the Young People Wellbeing service had been received. Cllr Pretty noted that the Clerk had checked the Bursledon funding and confirmed that there used to be funding from BHH LAC but this is no longer the case. **RESOLVED: The Clerk to send a thank you reply.**

P969 Budget Implications

In response to the letter from the leader of Eastleigh Borough Council requesting details of the impact of Covid-19 on Town and Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that a figure of £129,902 per annum should be used for each month's loss of income and sent to EBC for July & August and then reviewed at this meeting monthly.

P970 Projected Outturns

Cllrs had previously received the report on projected outturns until March 2021. Cllr Pretty spoke about the current financial position and the difficulties faced by the loss of income. Cllr Corben asked for thanks to go to the staff team for managing during these difficult times.

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P971 In Year Budget Savings

Cllr Pretty outlined the reasons for this item on the agenda and asked the committee for possible areas of savings noting that savings had already been derived from the contracts and services provided. Given the current position the Council either needs to increase its income or decrease its expenditure.

Cllr Baynes suggested that we should be advertising hall hire more and encouraging people that it is safe to come back.

Cllr Welsh asked what the take up of Hall Hire has been since re-opened. The Clerk confirmed that the nurseries were back in this week and Yoga and Table Tennis are back in but some groups have had to drop some sessions as there has not been enough interest to operate.

Cllr Pretty was still keen to review the hall hire rates once councillors can meet in person. Other ideas were to adapt our archive store to attract individuals/business or small meeting rooms.

Cllr Corben asked if there was any expenditure that has been paid that we could transfer to a PWLB. Could we formally write to EBC for a grant since we have taken on devolved responsibilities supporting public services.

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk to contact EBC to this effect as this action needs to be completed before looking at alternatives.

A general discussion took place around the options to reduce the council's overheads.

**P972 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

P973 Exempt Business – Leases and Rents

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:42 hours.