

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, 19 February 2019 at 7pm

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Axam, Burchfield, Collings, Crookes (Chairman), Delaney, Drage, Morris (for Worlock), Quarterman, Wheale (from item 107), Wright (from item 107)

In attendance: Councillors Dickens, Kinnell, Neighbour, Parker

Officers Present:

Patricia Hughes Joint Chief Executive

101 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Worlock, substituted by Councillor Morris. Councillor Wright had advised he may be late.

103 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

105 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

None.

106 FEEDBACK FROM SERVICE BOARDS

Regulatory Services – No issues raised
Corporate Services - No issues raised

107 LOCAL DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATE RELIEF SCHEME 2018/19

Members were asked to consider the Local Discretionary Relief Scheme for 2018/19. It was suggested that the Fleet Business Improvement District could be engaged to help their businesses apply for the discretionary business rate relief.

DECISION

That Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends to Cabinet that the Local Discretionary Relief Scheme for 2018/19 be approved.

108 2018/19 BUDGET MONITORING TO END DECEMBER 2018

The Committee was advised of the position on revenue and capital expenditure at the end of December. Cabinet would consider this report at its meeting on 7 March 2019.

DECISION

That the revised projections and reasons for the main variations and the current spending position on the Capital Programme be noted.

109 DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Members considered a proposed Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) across the District prior to the proposal being considered by Cabinet.

Members asked that the following issues be addressed in the Cabinet paper

- Costings for the signage
- How relations could be built with Parish and Town Councils who may seek clarification on whom would pay for signage and enforcement on Parish and Town Council land
- Whether the budget referenced in paragraph 8 included signage on land owned by Parish and Town Councils
- Whether enforcement would continue on HCC public footpaths, and is the consent of the landowner needed to enforce
- What other Councils were including in PSPO's associated with dogs.

Members felt that item c) could be refined to make reference that the removal of the dog faeces needed to be to a suitable receptacle.

The consensus of the Committee was that longer term metal signage would provide better outcomes.

DECISION

That the following recommendations to Cabinet be agreed:

- I That a Hart Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order be progressed to include the following restrictions:

District Wide (any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission);

- a. Persons in charge of a dog must put the dog on a lead if asked to do so by an authorised officer;

- b. Persons in charge of a dog must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog;
- c. Persons in charge of a dog must remove the faeces to a suitable receptacle.
- d. No person shall walk more than four dogs at the same time.

Other

- e. Exclusion of dogs from:
 - a. Fenced children's play areas, skate parks, tennis courts and multi-use games areas
 - b. the playing area of marked playing pitches
 - f. Dogs must be on a lead on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area during the period 31 March to 31st July.
- 2 That delegated authority be granted to the Joint Chief Executives in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory Services, to amend the Draft Order following consultation and to adopt the Public Spaces Protection Order.
- 3 That implications of the PSPO on the costs of signage and on enforcement are noted.

I 10 PERFORMANCE INFORMATION 2018/19 - QUARTER 3

The Committee considered the Council's performance indicators for quarter 3 2018/19 (1 October 2018 - 31 December 2018).

Members debated the performance statistics of the Grant Funded organisations and reflected it may be beneficial to request that the organisations concerned attend Overview and Scrutiny to inform the Committee on their work.

Members also noted that SLA FP01 is a cumulative target and should be reflected as such.

DECISION

That the information be noted.

I 11 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Work Programme was considered and Members sought clarification on whether there are further Neighbourhood Plans which should be reflected on the forward programme.

I 12 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was considered and Members discussed the Future High Street Fund.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm