

Corporate, Adult Services & Social Inclusion Select Committee

A meeting of Corporate, Adult Services & Social Inclusion Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 27th October, 2009.

Present: Cllr Mick Stoker (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Mrs Suzanne Fletcher, Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Roy Rix,

Officers: Mrs J Danks, Mrs B Brown (R); R Kench (CESC); Mrs T Harrison and J Trainer (LD)

Also in attendance: Francis Hayes and Tom Bowman (Standards Representatives)

Apologies: Cllr Aidan Cockerill and Cllr Andrew Larkin

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2009

Members considered the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2009.

Members requested that the minutes include discussions regarding branding and residents' surveys.

CONCLUDED that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2009 be agreed as a correct record and forwarded on to Council for consideration upon the addition of the discussion relating to branding and residents' surveys.

3 Minutes of the meetings held on 6th January 2009, 17th February 2009, 7th April 2009, 18th May 2009, 30th June 2009 and 27th July 2009 to be signed by the Chair.

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

4 Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Review of Communication, Consultation, and Engagement

Members considered the draft final report and suggested a number of amendments including:-

- Clarification that the Committee did not support the provision of all branding through external agencies.
- An additional paragraph be included summarising the Committee's views on branding.
- An additional paragraph be included summarising the Committee's views on residents' surveys.
- More explicit reference in the report to employee forums as a way of engaging employees in the EIT process and as a wider engagement mechanism.
- A minor amendment to recommendation 4, emphasising that it would be a Council protocol and the deletion of 'and promoted across the Council'.

The Scrutiny Officer would circulate the revised report to the Committee.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. The amended report be presented to Cabinet on 26th November 2009.

5 Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations

Members considered the progress updates on outstanding recommendations from previous reviews on Meeting Venues, Theatre Subsidy and Voluntary and Community Sector.

Members expressed disappointment at the slow progress in relation to meeting venues - recommendation 5.

The Committee agreed to sign off on the recommendation 2 for Theatre Subsidy due to the fact that recommendation had been superseded by the new contract.

Officers advised that they would investigate how the Voluntary and Community Sector recommendation 4 would be taken forward as part of the EIT programme.

CONCLUDED that subject to the Committee's comments, the assessment of progress will be endorsed.

6 Work Programme

Members were advised that the Committee had drawn an end to the current review once the amended final draft report for the EIT review on Communication, Consultation and Engagement had gone to Cabinet on 26th November 2009.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.