

Housing & Community Safety Select Committee

A meeting of Housing & Community Safety Select Committee was held on Thursday, 13th January, 2011.

Present: Cllr Julia Cherrett(Chairman), Cllr Aiden Cockerill, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Bill Noble, Cllr Bill Woodhead

Officers: Beccy Brown, Debbie Hurwood(RES), Sue Daniels(DNS), Tony Beckwith(CESC), Anthony Duffy, Judith Trainer, Sarah Whaley(L&D)

Also in attendance: Judi Asquith (Representing UNITE)

Apologies: Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr Jean Kirby, Cllr Liz Nesbitt

HCS 40/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bill Noble declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item no.5 – Quarterly Progress Updates on previously agreed Recommendations in relation to the EIT Review of Regulatory Services, as he was a Member of the River Tees Port Health Authority.

HCS 41/10 Minutes from the meeting which was held on the 4th October to be considered for signature.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting which was held on 4th October 2010 for signature.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting which was held on the 4th October 2010 were signed as a correct record.

HCS 42/10 Draft minutes form the meeting which was held on the 18th November 2010

Consideration was given to the draft minutes from the meeting which was held on the 18th November 2010.

CONCLUDED that the draft minutes of the meeting which was held on 18th November 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

HCS 43/10 EIT Gateway Review of Administration, PA Support, Business Support and Performance Management

Members were asked to receive, and review the final report for the Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Programme in relation to the Gateway Review of Administration, PA Support, Business Support and Performance Management.

The Administration Review - Programme Manager presented the report to the Committee highlighting any changes which had occurred since the last report which was presented at a previous meeting of Housing and Community Safety Select Committee on the 18th November 2010.

Members attention was brought to the General Administration strand of the review detailed at point 3 of the report. Once officers had looked at the preferred options in greater detail following the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee meeting which was held on the 18th November 2010, it had transpired that there were more technical and specialised posts within some service area's which had resulted in some posts being re classified.

The Committee discussed how the reduction in posts would be delivered which was highlighted in detail at point 7. (Timetable and Process) of the report.

Members asked how the average earnings had been arrived at for those posts being identified for deletion. The Administration Review - Programme Manager agreed to provide Members with a more detailed breakdown deleted posts by grade.

The Committee also heard that a full support package was available to all staff affected and where possible any opportunities for redeployment within the authority would be sought.

It was highlighted that the final report would be presented to Cabinet on the 17th March 2011 to allow for the required statutory consultation period. Members also heard that savings would begin to be realised from April 2011 and fully realised by June 2011.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

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Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations

Members were asked to consider the assessments of progress contained within the attached Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendation from the review of Choice Based Lettings and Regulatory Services.

The Committee discussed and noted the latest progress from the attached updates.

CONCLUDED that the Progress Updates be noted and the assessment of progress endorsed.