

CORPORATE ISSUES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 11TH OCTOBER, 2010

Present – Councillors R. Allen (Chairman), Ayub, R. Barrow (as deputy for Councillor P. Brierley), Cottam, Critchley (as deputy for Councillor Mrs Fairclough), Hayes, McKeon, Mistry, Pickup, Radlett, Spencer, A.S. Walsh (as deputy for Councillor Ashcroft) and J. Walsh.

Also in attendance

Councillor Morris	- Executive Member for Strategy and External Relationships
Councillor Mrs Thomas	- Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Health
Mr. P. Molyneux	- Assistant Director, Highways and Engineering and Committee Chief Officer Support
Mr. M. Veigas	- Assistant Director Environmental Services and Shadow Committee Chief Officer Support
Mr. I.D. Mulholland	- Principal Scrutiny Officer
Mr. A. Eastwood	- Director of Chief Executive's Department
Ms. S. Johnson	- Deputy Director of Corporate Resources
Mr. P. Brown	- Head of Estates and Asset Management

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ashcroft, P. Brierley, Chadwick, Mrs Fairclough and Councillor Kay as Executive Member for Human Resources.

Councillor R. Allen in the Chair.

14. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23rd August, 2010 were submitted.

Further to Minute 10 relating to Marketing and Communications End of Year Report, Members referred to the future of the Bolton Scene in the light of a recent Government announcement that Council's should only provide four such publications a year.

It was explained that at the present time this matter was only a proposal and appropriate legislation would need to be enacted in this regard.

Resolved – That the minutes be signed as a correct record.

15. MONITORING OF DECISIONS

The Director of the Chief Executive's Department reported that there were no outstanding matters from the last Municipal Year.

Further to the matter considered at the 23rd August, 2010 meeting of this Committee concerning Paperless Systems, Members queried about the progress of matters around the electronic provision of payslips.

Members were advised that an upgrade to the Oracle System was planned for the new year which would introduce a single sign on facility enabling all Oracle self-service users to have access to electronic payslips.

Resolved – That the position be noted.

16. WORK PROGRAMME

The Director of the Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which set out details of the previously agreed Committee Work Programme for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

Members' views were sought in relation to any further items that they wanted including in the work programme. The report also included information which would aid the Committee in

selecting appropriate items for future consideration.

Members, in their deliberations, referred to the possible inclusion of an item in the work programme concerning the philosophy behind the way budget cuts were going to be made in Bolton.

Also mentioned was the role of Policy Development Groups.

Resolved – (i) That the updated work programme be noted.

(ii) That an item be included on the agenda for the next meeting concerning the philosophy behind the way budget cuts were going to be made in Bolton.

17. LAND AND PROPERTY RATIONALISATION

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report advising the Committee of the strategy employed for the delivery of the next phase of the Council's land and property rationalisation programme including an update on the Capital Receipts Programme and a summary of the approach taken in the 2009/10 Strategic Property Review.

In terms of the future strategy, the report particularly referred to non-operational estate matters, Corporate Property management of operational property, office accommodation, rationalisation and performance improvement.

Members, in their discussions, referred to:-

- the progress and professionalism of Corporate Property concerning the amount of capital receipts raised;
- achievements being made in the best interests of the Authority;
- disposals/lettings being looked at in terms of their merits; and

- property auctions and safeguards.

Resolved – (i) That the content of the report be noted.

(ii) That a further report be submitted in due course following the completion of the property evaluation work by GVA Grimley.

18. INVEST TO SAVE

The Director Of Corporate Resources submitted a report advising the Committee of the approach taken by the Council in respect of Invest to Save schemes and which provided examples of current schemes and opportunities for the future.

Members, in their discussions, referred to:-

- the example of Power Perfecter referred to in the report and matters around payback periods and risk/reward issues;
- environmental benefits;
- vehicle optimisation; and
- use of reflective bollards rather than illuminated ones.

Resolved – That the work around the promotion of invest to save be noted and welcomed.

19. MEMBERS BUSINESS

The Committee received the extract of minutes of other meetings of the Council relevant to the remit of this Committee:

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- (a) The Executive held on 28th August and 27th September, 2010.
- (b)

Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Health held on 1st and 28th September, 2010.

- (c) The Executive Member for Strategy and External Relationships held on 1st and 29th September, 2010.
- (d) The Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity held on 1st and 29th September, 2010.
- (e) Corporate Resources Policy Development Group held on 20th September, 2010.
- (f) Budget Policy Development Group held on 20th September, 2010.
- (g) NHS White Paper Policy Development Group held on 23rd August, 2010

Resolved – That the minutes of the various meetings be noted.

(The meeting commenced at 6.00 p.m. and ended at 6.53p.m.)