

**PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019

Present – Councillors Bagnall (Chairman), Allen, Bullock, Dean (as deputy for Councillor Conner), Donaghy, Mistry (as deputy for Councillor Darvesh), Radcliffe, Silvester, Weatherby, Walsh and Wilkinson.

Also in Attendance

Councillor Haslam	Executive Cabinet Member Highways and Transport
Councillor Warren	Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services Delivery
Councillor Hewitt	Executive Cabinet Member Strategic Housing and Planning
Ms. C. Owen	Acting Head of Legal Services
Mr. J. Hundal	Interim Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration
Mr. J. Morrissy	Assistant Director Policy, Projects and Public Sector Reform
Mr. K. Roberts	Head of Service, Community Services
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Darvesh, Conner, Abdullah and Peel.

Councillor Bagnall in the Chair.

**18. MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup>

October, 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

## **19. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received the updated work programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Resolved – That the work programme be noted.

## **20. TRADED SERVICE PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. John Morrissy, Assistant Director, Policy, Projects and Public Sector Reform gave a presentation on matters around traded performance and development.

Members were advised that this included issues concerning business plans for income generation, social value of services such as building cleaning and catering and grass cutting – including outsourcing / community delivery.

The meeting was informed that the traded services were-

- Building cleaning;
- Albert Halls;
- Trade Waste;
- Schools Catering;
- Markets;
- Building Control;
- Security and Response;
- Heaton Fold; and
- Bereavement Services.

Mr. Morrissy explained matters around each of the above including the staffing, finances and the challenges and opportunities.

Finally, the meeting was advised of matters concerning the grass cutting provision including outsourcing / community provision.

Members in their discussions referred to –

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- Whether the Council had won any contracts back from primary schools;
- Domestic cleaning;
- The Albert Hall paying for itself;
- Enhancing the market position;
- Improvements at Heaton Fold and post funeral functions;
- What were the benefits of business recycling;
- The quality of buildings by developers and concerns;
- The Preston model of investment in the Borough;
- More detail regarding the profit and loss account position;
- Internal and external trading accounts;
- Councillors casework included environmental matters, e.g grass cutting; and
- What was deliverable, so the public knew what could and could not be done.

Resolved – That Mr. Morrissy be thanked for the informative presentation and that the position be noted.

## **21. MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**The minutes of various meetings relevant to the remit of this Committee were submitted, viz –**

- Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader held on 11<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019;
- Executive Cabinet Member Strategic Housing and Planning held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019;
- Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services Delivery held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019;
- Executive Cabinet Member Highways and Transport held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019; and
- Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Regulatory Services held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

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

(The meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at 6.50pm)