



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

3 May 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (C) (Chairman)

Councillors Barnby, Bent, Doggett, Stockman, Stocks, Tolchard and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: The Mayor and Councillors Ellery, Excell, Haddock, King, Parrott and Thomas (D))

78. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bye.

79. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 March 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. Rationalisation of Discretionary Welfare Funds

The Board received an update on the progress that had been made in rationalising the discretionary welfare funds which were available to the Council. It was noted that officers from across the authority had worked to ensure that there were effective schemes in place to make best use of the limited resources available to the Council to ensure that local people could be helped in times of crisis.

81. Transformation Programme - Update

The Board received an update on the current position in relation to the Transformation Programme, including the achievements to date. It was noted that a number of projects were now included in the Forward Plan with decisions scheduled to be made in the coming months.

Resolved: that all non-executive members be requested to consider the current position in relation to the Transformation Programme and provide feedback to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator and Overview and Scrutiny Manager on the projects which should be included in the 2017/2018 Work Programme.

82. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

Resolved: that the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report be published and submitted to the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council in accordance with the Consitution.

83. Exclusion of press and public

Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 84, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended.)

84. Future Operation of Children's Services

The Director of Children's Services provided a verbal update on the future operation of Children's Services.

Resolved: that a task-and-finish group be established, to work alongside the Executive and Senior Leadership Team, to review all of the Council's existing joint arrangements and to consider the future alternative options for the Council and the delivery of services.

Chairman
