

Time Commenced – 17:30
Time Finished – 18:50

Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Board

08 April 2016

Present: Councillor Stanton (Chair)
Councillors Bayliss, Dhindsa Jackson, J Khan, Poulter, Webb,
Whitby and Williams

In Attendance: Councillors Banwait, Skelton and Barker
Janie Berry, Christine Durrant, Andy Thomas

102/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr and Wright.

103/15 Late Items

There were no late items.

104/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

105/15 Meeting procedure for call-in of Council Cabinet decision

The Chair introduced the procedure and advised members that he would be varying it to ensure all call-in signatories had fair opportunity to present their case. The Chair advised that he had agreed to allow a representative of a voluntary sector organisation to make a representation to the board.

106/15 Call-in of Council Cabinet decision 179/15

The board received a report which had been considered by Council Cabinet on 16 March in respect of Changes to Neighbourhood Working, Community Safety and Cohesion and Integration. In addition to reports by the Cabinet Member for Cohesion and Integration and the Report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, a minute extract of the decision taken by Council Cabinet was considered. The board also received one call-in notice in relation to the decision submitted by Councillors Ingall, Harwood and Hassall.

Signatories to the first call-in notice addressed the board and highlighted the parts of the council decision-making process which they alleged to have been breached, namely: (a) proportionality; (b) due consultation; (e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes; (f) a record of what options were considered and giving reasons for the decision; and 'other', that the "questions arise as to the

savings achieved as officer number will not diminish for the foreseeable future given that duly remain in post on the 1st April 2016".

The Leader of the Council, representing the Council Cabinet member for Cohesion and Integration, responded to the call-in signatories' submissions and provided reasons why they felt the decision taken by Council Cabinet had complied with the council's decision making principles.

Members of the board were given an opportunity to ask questions of all parties.

Councillor Harwood summed up on behalf of signatories to the call-in notice. Councillor Banwait summed up on behalf of Council Cabinet.

The Chair notified members that he would be asking each member of the board in turn to vote on whether they felt there had been a breach of the council's decision-making principles and to identify which principles had been breached.

Resolved that in making decision 179/15, Council Cabinet had not breached the council's decision-making principles.

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