

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019 AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT: Mrs J Antill – Chair

Mr S Barrett
Mr N Bennett
Mrs E Murphy
Mrs J Osborne
Mr R Spivey

Mrs J Howells – Town Clerk

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Any member attending as an approved substitute to report giving his/her name and the name of the member being substituted.

Mr L Cresswell and Mr J Owen were absent from the meeting but no apologies were received.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Mrs Osborne declared that she is a Babergh District Councillor.

3. **DECLARATION OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

No declarations of gifts or hospitality were received.

4. **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests for dispensation had been received.

5. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for the Mayoral year 2019/2020 were invited.

RESOLVED

That Mr Spivey be elected as Vice Chairman for the Mayoral year 2019/2020.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Policy and Resources meeting held on the 23rd October 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7. **TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN**

Members discussed the Town Council Business Plan which was adopted at the November 2018 Full Council meeting.

It was agreed that more information should be included about the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the role of the Mayor's secretary.

Under section 3.3.1 the warding arrangements for both Town and District councils need to be updated following the outcome of the Boundary Review.

Section 5 finance figures need to be reviewed following the end of year reconciliation.

6.2.2 enlarge on plans for development of land behind Town Hall.

Members agreed that more clarity is needed on time scales for the delivery of the proposed actions within the Business Plan.

RECOMMENDED

That Mrs Antill creates a schedule of actions which fall under the remit of the P & R committee.

That Mr Bennett examines the new warding arrangements and reports back to the P&R committee for discussion at the June meeting.

8. AMBITIONS FOR SUDBURY DOCUMENT AND FEEDBACK RECEIVED

Members discussed the background to the Ambitions for Sudbury document and how it relates to the BDC Vision for Prosperity, for the benefit of new councillors on the committee.

The document is on the Town Council website and a small number of comments have been received. Out of a total of 33 responses, 13 were positive, 16 did not express a view for or against, and 4 comments were negative.

Members were concerned that there were no timescales or priorities given for the projects.

It was suggested that Mr Andy McMillan, BDC Economic Development Officer, Open for Business, could attend the next P&R meeting to update members on progress made by BDC to date and a timeline on future projects.

RECOMMENDED

That Mr A McMillan, BDC Economic Development Officer, be invited to attend the P&R meeting in June to update members on progress with the Vision for Sudbury project and how it will be progressed in conjunction with the STC Ambitions for Sudbury document.

9. SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY ONLINE CONSULTATION

Members discussed the Suffolk Constabulary online consultation. Members agreed that communications with the Police had deteriorated since the introduction of the new working arrangements. The interaction with the previous PCSO has been missed and police reports were no longer received by the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Clerk completes the online consultation document outlining the comments above.

10. FORWARD WORK PLAN

A copy of the Forward Work Plan is shown at minute page 214.

1. Town Council policies are being reviewed and a staff handbook created.
3. Wincer Kievenaar, Chartered Architects, have been commissioned to produce a feasibility study for land at the rear of the Town Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8pm

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Chairman