

**Minutes of the Meeting of the COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE held
on 19 March 2019**

PRESENT -

Councillor Barry Nash (Chairman); Councillor Tony Axelrod (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Kate Chinn, Alex Coley (as nominated substitute for Councillor Clive Woodbridge), Hannah Dalton, Colin Keane (as nominated substitute for Councillor Liz Frost), Jean Steer MBE and Alan Sursham

In Attendance:

Absent: Councillor Lucie Dallen, Councillor Liz Frost, Councillor Jane Race and Councillor Clive Woodbridge

Officers present: Damian Roberts (Chief Operating Officer), Rod Brown (Head of Housing and Community), Ian Dyer (Head of Operational Services), Mark Shephard (Head of Property and Regeneration), Stewart Cocker (Countryside Manager) (Items 28-31 only), Rachel Kundasamy (Health and Wellbeing Officer) (Items 28-34 only), Serena Powis (Community and Voluntary Sector Liaison Officer) (Items 28-30 only), Teresa Wingfield (Senior Accountant) and Tim Richardson (Democratic Services Officer)

28 QUESTION TIME

No questions were received from members of the public.

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interests were made by Councillors in relation to items of business on the agenda for the meeting:

Support for Voluntary Organisations

Councillor Jean Steer MBE, Other Interest: In the interests of openness and transparency Councillor Jean Steer declared that she is a Council appointed representative to the General Committee of Age Concern Epsom and Ewell.

Support for Voluntary Organisations

Councillor Tony Axelrod, Other Interest: In the interests of openness and transparency Councillor Tony Axelrod declared that he is a Council appointed representative to the Committee of Management of Citizens Advice Epsom and Ewell.

30 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Wellbeing Committee held on 22 January 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

31 EPSOM & EWELL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN - 2018 ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee received a report presenting an annual update on progress made in implementing the Epsom & Ewell Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2020.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

- (1) That the Committee noted the progress during 2018 in implementing the Epsom and Ewell Local Biodiversity Plan.**

32 SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The Committee received a report showing how each of the voluntary organisations in receipt of financial support from the Council contributed to achieving the Council's Corporate Plan priorities and those of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

- (1) That the Committee noted the report and evidence of how each of the voluntary organisations supported by the Council impact on the Council's corporate priorities and those of Surrey's Health and Wellbeing Board.**

33 PROGRESS REPORT ON HOME FROM HOSPITAL

The Committee received a report providing an update on the progress of the Home from Hospital Support Service.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

- (1) That the Committee noted the progress of the Home from Hospital Service since 1 October 2018.**

34 CORPORATE PLAN: KEY PRIORITY TARGETS FOR 2019 TO 2020

The Committee received a report presenting its Key Priority Targets for 2019 to 2020.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

- (1) That the Committee agreed its Key Priority Targets for 2019 to 2020 as set out at Annex 1 to the report.**

35 VENUES RESTRUCTURE

The Committee received a report seeking approval of one off costs to implement the recently approved restructure of Venues.

The following matter was considered:

- a) **Purpose of expenditure.** The Committee noted that the report proposed an expenditure of up to £85,000 and set out the broad outcomes which would be achieved by the restructure. This included addressing the overspend on overtime of c£122k in 2018/19, delivering the service within its approved budget in 2019/20.

The Committee considered the proposal. Members of the Committee identified that the report did not provide detailed information on the intended use of the proposed sum and queried why. Officers informed the Committee that detailed financial information of this nature would require public access to the report to be restricted.

In summing up the item, the Chairman highlighted to the Committee that the proposed expenditure was lower than the current ongoing overspend on overtime, and would enable it to be avoided in future.

Following consideration, it was resolved (there being 4 Members in favour, 3 members against and 1 abstention):

- (1) That the Committee supported the payment of the one off costs of the Venues restructure of up to £85k and requested Strategy & Resources Committee to authorise one off costs of up to £85k, to return the service to operating within budget.**

In agreeing the above resolution, the Committee noted that an update report on the venues restructure would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

36 VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairman thanked Officers and Members for their work over the past year. The Committee thanked the Chairman for his work on their behalf.

It was noted that this would be the Vice-Chairman's last meeting as a Member of the Committee, and the Chairman and Committee expressed their thanks to him for his work over the past 3 and a half years.

It was also noted that this would be Councillor Jean Steer's last meeting as a Member of the Committee, and the Chairman and Committee expressed their thanks to her for her work over the past 24 years, as both a Member of the Community and Wellbeing and Chairman of the previous Social Committee.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.36 pm

COUNCILLOR BARRY NASH (CHAIRMAN)