

Minutes of the Meeting of the COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 4 October 2022

PRESENT -

Councillor Alex Coley (Chair); Councillor Christine Cleveland (Vice-Chair); Councillors Bernice Froud, Christine Howells, Julie Morris, Phil Neale and Peter Webb

Absent: Councillor Luke Giles, Councillor Debbie Monksfield and Councillor Guy Robbins

Officers present: Rod Brown (Head of Housing and Community), Rachel Kundasamy (Health and Wellbeing Officer), Teresa Wingfield (Senior Accountant), Sue Emmons (Chief Accountant) and Dan Clackson (Democratic Services Officer)

6 QUESTION TIME

No questions were received from members of the public.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made in relation to items on the agenda.

8 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee confirmed as a true record the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 12 July 2022 and authorised the Chair to sign them.

9 SPORTS AND LEISURE COUNCIL

The Committee received a report seeking to provide an overview of the work of the Sports and Leisure Council and making a recommendation as to the future provision of the Sports and Leisure Council, and use of Council funding.

The following matters were considered:

- a) **Order of Proceedings:** Following a question from a Member, the Chair explained that owing to Officer availability, items 4 and 5 of the published agenda had been swapped.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

- (1) **Agree that the Council's Sports and Leisure Council will be disbanded as of 31st March 2023**

- (2) **Agree that from 31st March 2023, the funds used to support Sports and leisure grants will be retained by the Council**
- (3) **Agree that the future spend of funds will be subject to the criteria as set out in 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 of the report**

10 2023/24 BUDGET TARGETS

The Committee received a report informing the Committee of the Council's revenue budget targets presented to the Strategy & Resources Committee. The report sought guidance on the preparation of the Committee's service estimates for 2023/24.

The following matters were considered:

- a) **Homelessness Service Cost Reduction Target:** Following a question from a Member, The Chair elaborated on paragraph 2.4.5 of the report, explaining that the figure is under review as part of the budget process that will go through the Strategy and Resources Committee. He explained that the figure provided is a target, subject to monthly review, and further information will be provided at a future meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee. He confirmed a substantive figure will be provided at a future meeting of the Community and Wellbeing Committee, and that the matter will be taken to the next Budget meeting of Full Council.
- b) **Competitiveness of Council Services:** Following a question from a Member in relation to the increase to discretionary fees and charges, the Senior Accountant explained that the Council will be able to remain competitive as the Council Heads of Services are required to set the prices of fees and charges according to what the market will bear and what will prevent a restraint to the use of Council Services.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

- (1) **Note the implications of the budget targets presented to Strategy & Resources Committee on 26 July 2022.**
- (2) **Support the changes to services and savings identified in section 3 of this report and that these are included within the budget presented to this Committee in January 2023.**
- (3) **Note that any additional new growth items supported by this Committee will need to be fully funded from existing budgets.**

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 7.39 pm

COUNCILLOR ALEX COLEY (CHAIR)