

MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR DETERMINATION

Minute 350 Departmental Service Plans and Updated Corporate Plan for 2010/11

The Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services presented a report that detailed the final drafts of departmental service plans for 2010/11 alongside an updated Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the departmental service plans and updated Corporate Plan for 2010/11 be agreed and recommended to the Council for adoption;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, to make final minor amendments to the Corporate Plan before it is submitted to the Council; and
- (3) Members be requested to take responsibility for the delivery of departmental service plans according to their portfolios, in consultation with the appropriate Chief Officer(s).

Minute 352 Nomination of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Municipal Year 2010/11

RESOLVED:

That the following nominations be made for the Municipal Year 2010/11 at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17 May 2010:

- (1) Councillor A Jennings for the role of Mayor; and
- (2) Councillor M McLaughlin for the role of Deputy Mayor.

Minute 353 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009

A report by the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management advised Members that the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 had received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009. On 16 December 2009, the Government had published a commencement order for sections of the Act coming into effect at various dates between December 2009 and April 2010. The commencement of the duty on councils to promote local democracy, the requirement to publish a petitions scheme, and the changes to the operation of construction contracts, had all been delayed until an unspecified date.

It was clear that plans must be put in place to implement the requirements within the Act. Therefore, a summary of what must happen across the Council and what plans must be put in place to implement the relevant sections of the Act were detailed in the report for Members' information.

The role of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer was detailed in Appendix A to the report also for Members' information

RESOLVED: That

- (1) comments be received on the proposed approach for implementing the requirements of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, as outlined above;
- (2) the commencement of the duty on Councils to promote local democracy, the requirement to publish a petitions scheme, and changes to the operation of construction contracts had been delayed until an unspecified date be noted; and
- (3) Council be recommended to appoint the Head of Legal and Member Services as the Council's statutory scrutiny officer.

Minute 359 Scrutiny Programme Board Referral

It was reported that, at its meeting on 4 March, 2010, the Scrutiny Programme Board had considered a report of the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management on the Draft Protocol – Scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, and resolved:

- “(1) That the draft Scrutiny Protocol for the scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) be endorsed and referred to the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the CDRP, the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet for consideration.
- (2) That subject to the Protocol being revised in the light of any comments received, it be presented to the Council for adoption as a clarification of Scrutiny's relationship with the CDRP.”

RESOLVED:

That in the content of the Draft Protocol Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership be noted along with its referral to the Council for adoption

Minute 360 Committee Calendar for Municipal Year 2010/11

The Director of Law, HR & Asset Management presented a report recommending dates for Council, Cabinet and committee meetings for the Municipal year 2010/11. The revised proposed calendar had been circulated, along with a second supplementary agenda. The report also described various issues that had been taken into account in compiling it. Four further amendments were also circulated at the meeting for Members' approval.

RESOLVED:

That the revised calendar of meetings for the Municipal year 2010/11, (attached as Appendix A to the Minutes), be approved.

[Subsequent to the meeting, the Director of Finance requested that the September meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee be brought forward, as due consideration of the Authority's financial accounts needed to be given before the end of September, the meeting has therefore been moved from 30 to 28 September]

Minute 367 Contract Procedure Rules

The Director of Finance advised Members that as the Authority had now completed the implementation of the Due North Contract Management System which was accepted as the regional standard portal for electronic tendering and sourcing by North West Local Authorities, it was therefore necessary to amend the relevant Contract Procedure Rules to enable electronic tendering to be fully integrated into the Council processes.

RESOLVED:

That Council approval of the amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules be recommended.