

Strategy and Resources Committee**30 March 2020****STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****30 March 2020 at 7.30 pm**

MEMBERS: Councillor Ruth Dombey (Chair), Councillor Jayne McCoy (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Manuel Abellan, Richard Clifton, Sunita Gordon, Amy Haldane, Marlene Heron, Marian James, Steve Penneck, Tim Crowley, Neil Garratt, David Hicks, Holly Ramsey, Tom Drummond and Tim Foster

36. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Councillor Ruth Dombey, welcomed those present to the meeting which was being held virtually due to public health concerns.

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2020 were agreed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chair at a later date.

40. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair accepted 'Urgency Procedures and Decision Continuity' and 'Update on the Council's Response to the COVID-19 Threat' as urgent for the reasons set out in the reports.

42. URGENCY PROCEDURES AND DECISION CONTINUITY

The Chair highlighted to members a suggested amended urgency procedure, which included consultation with the Opposition, had been circulated. The Chief Executive introduced the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Decision Continuity Procedures, as amended, will be implemented urgently in response to the current situation.

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2. That the Urgency Committee, be established as a sub-committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee.
3. That it be recommended to Council to retrospectively adopt the Decision Continuity Procedures as part of the Constitution as Article 14.

42. UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 THREAT

The Chief Executive introduced the report. The Chair advised of some typographical errors in the report at paragraph 1.2 which should have said 30 March and at the bullet points at 4.3 should have said taking back control of our leisure centres. In response to questions the Chief Executive advised that there were a high level of volunteers and that supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) were currently being well managed in Sutton

RESOLVED:

1. That the actions detailed in this report be noted and endorsed
2. That it be noted the Council will continue to act in support of the national effort

43. THE CONSTITUTION AND SUPPORTING ENGAGEMENT

The Chief Executive introduced the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the work already undertaken in reviewing Local Committees be noted
2. That the terms of reference for the next phase of the review be agreed and that the Deputy Leader and Local Committee Chairs be tasked to oversee the Local Committee Review with a report back to Strategy and Resources in 12 months.
3. That the Approach to Engagement as set out at Appendix A be agreed
4. That the next phase of the Constitutional Review be noted

44. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALLOCATING AND SPENDING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PORTION OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY RECEIPTS (NCIL)

The Interim Strategic Director, Environment, Housing and Regeneration, introduced the report. Members discussed the consultation timelines set out in the report and the inevitable delay due to the current circumstances and amended the resolution to reflect that. Members also considered the progress of the Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum and Officers explained support would be given to assist their progress.

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That the governance arrangements for the selection and funding of projects for the Neighbourhood portion of the Sutton Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) to be implemented as outlined in paragraphs 4.4 - 4.6 of the report, noting the impact of the timescales in light of the current emergency situation

45. IMPROVING HEALTHCARE TOGETHER

The Chair introduced the report. Members discussed if there was any possibility of the consultation period being extended and proposed an additional resolution in relation to that. Members also debated the implications on the long term sustainability of St Helier hospital under the options proposed in the consultation and the transport links of both sites.

Cllr Garratt proposed a revised recommendation - That we support the government's plans for a new local acute care hospital, we support either the Sutton or St Helier sites, and we will support the NHS in evaluating which of those would provide the best long term care for Sutton's residents. Cllr Hicks seconded the amendment which was put to the vote and lost. The original recommendation was put to the vote and carried

RESOLVED

1. That the proposed model for service delivery as set out the IHT consultation, i.e. a single specialist emergency hospital and two district hospitals, be endorsed.
2. That the Leader of the Council writes to the local NHS requesting that the consultation be extended for a period of 3 months to give residents more time to respond in light of the Covid 19 crisis.
3. That the benefits and issues with both the Sutton and St Helier sites be noted and that the option to site the specialist emergency treatment hospital at St Helier be agreed as the preferred option of the Council.

46. ITEMS REFERRED BY HOUSING ECONOMY AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Chair invited the Chair of the Housing Economy and Business Committee to introduce the items referred by that Committee. The following items were approved as set out in the Housing Economy and Business Committee agenda for the cancelled meeting which had been scheduled to take place on 24 March 2020

- Approval of Homelessness Strategy
- Adoption of the Affordable Housing and Financial Viability SPD
- Agreement to consult on options for the future of Beech Tree Place
- Agreement of enforcement policy for Protecting Private Tenants

47. ITEMS REFERRED BY THE PEOPLE COMMITTEE

The Chair invited the Chair of the People Committee to introduce the item referred by that Committee. The following item was approved as set out in the People Committee agenda for the cancelled meeting which had been scheduled to take place on 26 March 2020

- Pupil based Planning

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Chair:

Date: