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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : REGENERATION AND PUBLIC PROTECTION MEETING

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor L Davies (Chair)

Councillors M Colbran and S Thomas

Cooptees:

M Ellis (Youth Forum Representative)

Other Councillors in Attendance:

G Thomas (Cabinet Member)

Officers:

A Owen (Interim Deputy Chief Executive), M Purnell (Performance and Scrutiny Officer), P Lewis (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager), D Ryan-Newton (Community Services Officer), L Whiteley (Estates), A Evans (Community Regeneration Officer), S Lewis (Senior Licensing Officer), M Price (Revenue Officer), Z Thomas (European & External Funding Support Officer), E Nicklin (Housing) and R Barry (Tourism Officer)

M Morgan* (Democratic Services Officer) and M Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
408	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Amos, Councillor K Gibbs, Councillor G Lewis, Councillor J

		Thomas and H Hopkins Co-opted Member.
409	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
410	Update on Responses to Coronavirus	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor G Thomas Cabinet Member and the Officers to the Meeting and referred the Committee to the 'Update on Council's Response to Coronavirus Pandemic' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee on the report and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many people have declined a vaccination • Details on the vaccination facilities across the County Borough • Update requested in relation to the number of Price Gouging / Profiteering Incidents reported • Update requested in relation to Town Centre Business Digital Project – What projects are being supported • Update requested on the Modular Homes / Neighbourhood Learning Centre • Can reasons be given for the number of households in Bed and Breakfast • Update on the PRS Project • COVID 19 – How many had positive tests and a follow up lab test after the mass testing and how many of these were positive – How many residents had tests not the number of tests as a resident may have had more than one test <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for the update.</p>
411	Committee Discussion - Changing the Start Time of Future meetings	<p>The Chair proposed a start time of 4.00pm for future Committee Meetings.</p> <p>It was then raised that some Members were absent from the Meeting and it would be better to discuss this proposal with all Members.</p> <p>The Chair then advised that he would contact all Members with the proposal that future Committees commence at 4.00pm and would accept the majority view and this way forward was agreed by the Committee.</p>
412	Work Programme 2020-2021	The Chair referred the Committee to the Forward Work Programme 2020/21 report and the agenda for the next Committee Meeting was agreed.
413	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow Up Actions	There was no business for this item.
414	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the matters that had been considered at the Meeting.

415	Any Other Business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
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Exempt

Resolved that:

The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

416	Subsidised Bus Services and the City Deal \ Metro Programme	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Subsidised Bus Services and the City Deal Metro Programme' report.</p> <p>Paul Lewis then led the Members through the report and together with Councillor G Thomas and the Officers responded in detail to questions raised by the Committee on the report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be received.</p>
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