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County Borough Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# **SCRUTINY : GOVERNANCE, PERFORMANCE, BUSINESS CHANGE AND CORPORATE SERVICES MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor T Skinner (**In the Chair**)

Councillors T Rogers, J Amos, B Carter, C Davies, D Sammon  
and W R Smith

Councillor A Barry – Cabinet

**Officers:**

Ellis Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Jeremy Ashdown (H R Manager), Darren Chaffe (Highways Officer), Gregg Edwards (Customer and Corporate Support Manager), Andrew Mogford (Strategic Business Analyst), Mike Parry (Revenues Manager), Julian Pike (Housing and Community Safety Manager), Sian Lyons (Performance and Risk Support Officer) and Ann-Marie McCafferty (Research and Monitoring Officer)

Howard Jones (Scrutiny Officer) and Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
604	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Jones, Councillor H R Jones, Councillor D Roberts and Mrs

		A Harris Co-opted Member.
605	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Exempt**

In order for the following to be considered in private, it is suggested that the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph/s 14 and 15 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

606	Transformation & Efficiency Programme; Customer Work Stream	<p>Councillor T Rogers left the Meeting at 4.06 pm and returned at 4.08 pm.</p> <p>Councillor J Amos entered the Meeting at 4.10 pm.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the Officers to the Meeting.</p> <p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Transformation and Efficiency Programme – Customer Work Stream' report.</p> <p>The Committee also received a Presentation giving details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of the Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Background and Journey so Far</li> <li>• Proposals – Vacant Posts</li> <li>• Summary of Proposals</li> <li>• Service Area, Saving, Deliverability, Service Impact, Proposal / Option</li> <li>• Proposal – Business Cases</li> <li>• Rationale</li> <li>• Options</li> <li>• Summary of Proposals</li> <li>• Next Steps</li> </ul> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the report and the Presentation and were responded to in detail by the Officers.</p> <p>Andrew Mogford also gave details of the Service areas referred to in the report and the framework to work to.</p> <p>Ellis Cooper also referred to standard operating procedures and the need for consistency across the Organisation.</p> <p>Councillor C Davies left the Meeting at 4.56 pm</p> <p>Councillor T Rogers left the Meeting at 5.18 pm, returned at</p>
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		<p>5.27 pm and left the Meeting at 5.30 pm.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The judgements and evaluations be noted.</p>
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### **RE-OPENED SESSION**

607	Scrutiny of Wellbeing Objectives: Lessons Learned	<p>The Chair welcomed Sian Lyons and Ann-Marie McCafferty to the Meeting.</p> <p>Andrew Mogford referred the Committee to the 'Scrutiny of Wellbeing Objectives: Lessons Learned' report.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The content of the report and lessons learned be noted and that a further report be presented to Committee with potential recommendations and lessons learned.</p>
608	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>A Member referred to the location of the Highways Department and recommended that this matter be referred to the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The location of the Highways Department be referred to the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee.</p>
609	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair and Committee reflected in detail on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting.</p> <p>Reference was also made to the quorum of the Committee and the voting procedure.</p>
610	Forward Work Programme	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Scrutiny Committee Work Programme' report.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p>
611	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>