

Minutes

**Corporate Services and Partnerships Policy
Overview Committee
Tuesday, 14 January 2014
Meeting held at Committee Room 4 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW**



	<p>Members Present: Councillors Richard Lewis (Chairman), Lindsay Bliss, Wayne Bridges, Beulah East, Raymond Graham, Richard Mills and Carol Melvin.</p> <p>Officers: Jo Gill (Energy Efficiency Officer), David Haygarth (Council's Energy Manager), Nancy Leroux (Deputy Director – Strategic Finance), Gemma McNamara (Finance Manager - Administration & Finance), Alan Tilly (Council Transport and Aviation Manager), Iain Watters (Manager – Strategic Finance) and Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).</p>
31	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2013</p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>
32.	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>It was agreed that all items of business would be considered in public.</p>
33.	<p>BUDGET PROPOSALS REPORT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DIRECTORATES</p> <p>The report set out the draft revenue budget and capital programme of the Administration and Finance Groups for 2014/15, along with indicative projections for the following four years.</p> <p>Members were informed that the Council was looking to make significant savings of around £13.1m on top of the £76m delivered over the last four years across the whole Council. This would include savings of £1.539m from within the Administration and Finance Groups which would be largely achieved through service efficiencies without impacting on the level of service provided.</p> <p>Reference was made to a significant number of Council Central departments which provided support functions and as such the demand on these services was driven by the front line services which they supported. Therefore, there was a limit to the extent to which these services could be further reduced whilst also continuing to respond to the same level of service demand.</p> <p>Members were informed that the savings proposals had been</p>

	<p>developed through the HIP Business Improvement Delivery Programme. Reference was made to the Phase 2 restructures which had taken place within both Procurement and Revenue Services which made up the majority of the proposed savings within the Finance Group, and the restructures within the Policy, Performance and Partnerships, Legal and Human Resource Service which made up the majority of the proposed savings within the Administration Group.</p> <p>The Committee was informed that there would be no increases in fees and charges and this was welcomed by Members.</p> <p>In relation to the Council's draft Capital Programme, it was noted that despite the current financial difficulties in local government finance, there would be a proposed significant capital investment of around £382m.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>1. That the budget projections contained in the report be noted together with the acknowledgment that the delivery of services to residents of the Borough was not being affected by the savings which the Council was making.</p>	Action By:
34.	<p>MAJOR REVIEW 2013/14 – REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT</p> <p>For this witness session of the Committee's review into Reducing the Council's Carbon Footprint the following information was received:-</p> <p>Decentralised Energy – Heat and Power- At the last meeting of the Committee discussion took place on the feasibility of this Council operating a Heat and Power plant, similarly to the Bunhill Energy Centre, in the London Borough of Islington.</p> <p>The Council's Energy Manager also referred to the Pimlico District Heating Undertaking which had been around since the 1950s and was the first major initiative to combat London's air pollution, ahead of the Clean Air Act 1956. The scheme provided heating and water services to 3,256 homes, 50 commercial premises and three schools within the area at a reduced energy cost.</p> <p>In addition, Pimlico reduced carbon emissions by 11,000 tonnes per year.</p> <p>Members were provided with details of potential heat and power networks within the Borough which included area close to Uxbridge High Street, Hillingdon Hospital and Brunel University. For such a network to work, the Council would have</p>	

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