

Minutes

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

23 November 2022



Meeting held at Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre

	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors John Riley (Chairman), Richard Lewis (Vice-Chairman), Kishan Bhatt, Narinder Garg, Gursharan Mand, Stuart Mathers (Opposition Lead) and Peter Smallwood</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Anisha Teji (Democratic Services Officer)</p>
34.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kaushik Banerjee with Councillor Peter Smallwood substituting.</p>
35.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
36.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes from the meeting on 20 October 2022 be agreed.</p>
37.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT THE ITEMS OF BUSINESS MARKED AS PART I WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THAT THE ITEMS MARKED AS PART II WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>It was confirmed that all items would be heard in Part I.</p>
38.	<p>REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT WITHIN HILLINGDON - SECOND WITNESS SESSION (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The Committee discussed the report on Review of Procurement within Hillingdon – Second Witness Session.</p> <p>It was noted that there were various stages of procurement and Members were keen to hear more information on ways to make the system more efficient, less time consuming and less repetitious. It was agreed that it would be interesting to consider other business models in place, the procurement bill and framework agreements.</p> <p>The Committee explored the challenges with helping and engaging with local small businesses. It was noted that in Northwood Hills a local Chambers of Commerce was due to be set up to support local businesses with networking groups and events.</p>

	<p>It was suggested that the review also explored how the London Borough of Hillingdon did procurement with other councils and whether better deals could be considered when combining its procurement efforts.</p> <p>Members were interested to explore how contracts were created with the supply chain and what value was being added to the local economy in the way suppliers operated. Agreeing a definition for a local business was welcomed.</p> <p>Members considered that a further witness session with officer presence would be useful to answer the points raised.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Committee noted and commented on the information presented.</p>
39.	<p>CABINET FORWARD PLAN (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Forward Plan be noted.</p>
40.	<p>WORK PROGRAMME (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be noted.</p>
	<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.00 pm, closed at 7.40 pm.</p>

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Anisha Teji on 01895 277655. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.

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