Minutes

Corporate Services and Partnerships Policy Overview Committee Wednesday 13 June 2012 Meeting held at Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	Members Present: Councillors Richard Lewis (Chairman), Lynne Allen, Beulah East, Neil Fyfe, Raymond Graham, Richard Mills and Brian Stead.		
	Apologies: Councillors Carol Melvin and Michael White (Councillor Brian Stead substitu		
	Officers: Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).		
2.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL AND 10 MAY 2012		
	Agreed as accurate records.		
3.	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC		
	It was agreed that all items of business would be considered in public.		
4.	CORPORATE SERVICES & PARTNERSHIPS POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE – REVIEW TOPICS 2012/13		
	Discussion took place on possible review topics for the Committee for the forthcoming Municipal Year.		
	Reference was made to a possible review looking at the external funding / grants which Council departments bid for and the success of this bidding. The Chairman acknowledged that at this stage it would be more beneficial for Members to receive a report and a brief presentation from officers at a future meeting on this area, rather than undertaking a review.		
	Members had a brief discussion on the Voluntary and Community Sector and asked that officers be invited to a future meeting to talk about the impact the recession has had on this important sector, and the impact on the Council.		
	Members were informed that the data from the Census 2011 would soon be released, and a possible review could be the Committee looking at this data in relation to the planning and the delivery of Council services. It was agreed that this be the Committee's second review topic for later in the Municipal Year.		
	An area which this Committee looked at in 2007/8 was		

	Community Cohesion. Members were reminded that Community Cohesion was about a sense of belonging, valuing diversity, tackling inequalities and promoting interaction to develop positive relationships within a community. Members agreed that it would be an opportune time to revisit this topic and look at the possible implications the recession has had on Community Cohesion within the Borough. This particular review would fall within the Committee's remit of partnerships and would require the support of the External Services Scrutiny Committee, who annually scrutinised this area. Officers were asked to produce a draft scoping report on the topic, together with a background paper which would provide Members with a summary of some of the work undertaken by the Council and partner organisations in the Borough in relation to Community Cohesion. RESOLVED –	Action By:
	 That approval be given to the actions outlined above. That the first major review of this Committee would be to look at the possible implications the recession has had on Community Cohesion within the Borough. 	Khalid Ahmed Khalid Ahmed
5.	WORK PROGRAMME After discussions with officers, the Work Programme for the Committee would be updated to reflect discussion on review topics for the Municipal Year. Noted.	
6.	CABINET FORWARD PLAN Noted. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 8.05pm Next meeting: 24 July 2012 at 7.30pm	

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Khalid Ahmed on 01895 250833. These minutes are circulated to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.