

Minutes

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

5 March 2024



Meeting held at Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre

	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors John Riley (Chair), Wayne Bridges (Vice-Chair), Kaushik Banerjee, Kishan Bhatt, Narinder Garg, Raju Sansarpuri and Stuart Mathers (Opposition Lead)</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Anisha Teji – Demcoratic Services</p>
64.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
65.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>
66.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes from the meeting on 8 Feburary 2024 be agreed.</p>
67.	<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 of busienss were in Part I and would be considered in public.</p>
68.	<p>REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The Committee considered the draft report for its review into the Council's Consultation Arrangements.</p> <p>Members agreed that the report encapsulated the discussions from the two meetings on the Council's Consultation Arrangements. It was suggested that the report also include a recommendation regarding an annual evaluation or review across consultations. The aim of this would be to assess the effectiveness of achieving geographical and demographical parity and allow the Engagement team to set measurable objectives for continuous improvement. The Committee welcomed this recommendation.</p> <p>It was noted that recommendation 8 focussed on live broadcasts and live chats during broadcasting and it was suggested that this be explored further offline due to the difficulties in moderating chats during meetings.</p>

	<p>In terms of tailoring consultations and engaging with community leaders, it was agreed that an additional comment be added to the report to note that involving Councillors who were familiar with residents in the area to determine the most effective methods of engagement may be beneficial.</p> <p>The Committee commended officers for the collaborative learning efforts of the team from other Boroughs and suggested highlighting this in the report to acknowledge the team's ongoing efforts in understanding and engaging with various groups.</p> <p>It was discussed whether this report should be put before Council as the motion originated there. Presenting this to Council would also reflect the open and public nature of the initial motion. It was agreed that this would be explored further.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed the report and its submission to Cabinet subject to the above comments.</p>
69.	<p>CABINET FORWARD PLAN (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Forward Plan be noted.</p>
70.	<p>WORK PROGRAMME (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>Members were keen to hear an update on data governance, cyber security and risk management.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the work programme be noted and Democratic Services liaise with officers regarding an update on data governance, cyber security and risk management.</p>
	<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 7.43 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 or ateji@hilllingdon.gov.uk . Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.