



**MINUTES of  
FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
11 JUNE 2019**

---

**PRESENT**

Chairman	Councillor B E Harker
Vice-Chairman	Councillor M W Helm
Councillors	M G Bassenger, Mrs P A Channer, CC, Mrs J L Fleming, A S Fluker, K M H Lagan, C Morris and W Stamp
Ex-Officio Non- Voting Member	Councillor(s) M S Heard and Mrs M E Thompson
In attendance	Councillor E L Bamford, R G Boyce MBE, M F L Durham, CC and K W Jarvis

**136. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES**

The Chairman drew attention to the list of notices published on the back of the agenda.

**137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**138. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 April 2019 be approved and confirmed.

**139. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**140. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No requests had been received.

#### **141. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE 2018 / 19**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Resources giving details of performance against targets set for 2018 / 19 and to ensure that progress was being achieved towards the corporate goals and objectives detailed in the Corporate Plan 2015 - 19 adopted by the Council.

The Key Corporate Activities assessed as being “behind schedule” or “at risk of not being achieved” along with indicators which had not achieved their end of year target were set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Director of Resources provided Members with an update in respect of the following indicators

- **Time taken to process Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support new claims** was shown in the Appendix as being at risk. Members were informed that there had been a impact on quarters one and two due to the implementation of Universal Credit and cross checking going through once service centre which had caused a backlog. However, the Council was still above the national rate for 2018 / 19 of 20 days.
- **% Business Rates collected** – Performance was down by 0.05% due to an ongoing dispute regarding non-payment.

In response to the complaint received against the Director of Resources, Members were informed that this related to a case the Director had been involved with and the complaint had been dealt with by the Director of Service Delivery.

**RESOLVED** that performance against the targets set for 2018 / 19 be noted.

#### **142. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Resources reporting on any complaints made under the Whistleblowing Policy for 2018 / 19.

The Director of Resources advised that no reports had been made under the Whistleblowing for the year 2018 / 19.

**RESOLVED** that the content of the report be noted.

#### **143. STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS**

The Committee received the report of the Director of Resources seeking agreement to the annual Strategic and Financial Planning Process (S&FPP) for 2020 / 21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

It was noted that the Strategic and Financial Planning Process and timetable aimed to ensure available resources were effectively directed towards achievement of a financially independent and sustainable Council. Members were informed that the savings forecast did not consider the addition of any growth items or changes to the Government allowance received.

**RESOLVED** that the Strategic and Financial Planning Process for 2019 / 20, be approved.

**144. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that this satisfies the public interest test.

**145. LEASE OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES**

The Director of Resources asked Members to consider withdrawing this report from consideration as the organisation who had originally approached the Council regarding leasing land had advised that due to timescales etc. they were now looking for other options.

The Chairman then put to the Committee that this item of business be withdrawn from the agenda and not considered as it was no longer relevant. This was duly agreed.

**RESOLVED** that this item of business be withdrawn.

There being no further items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.48 pm.

**B E HARKER  
CHAIRMAN**