

Recommendations for Council – 16 March 2016

General Purposes Committee – 2 March 2016

(a) Minute No. 541 Review of Local Engagement Forums and Swale Rural Forum (separate report on the Agenda)

Recommended:

(1) That the Local Engagement Forums and the Swale Rural Forum cease in their current form.

(2) That the proposals for better ways to engage with our community be noted including for example:

- Whilst LEFs and the Rural Forum will cease, public meetings will be organised on an ad-hoc basis when there is a significant or contentious local issue that requires discussion so face-to-face communication is still available;*
- Introduce a 'Your Swale' section on the website and 'Inside Swale' magazine, so it is easier for residents to find out about services and what's on;*
- Introduce direct email to residents informing of news, information; and Continue to use social media such as Facebook and Twitter.*

(b) Minute No. 542 Motion Referred from Council on 27 January 2016 (separate report on the Agenda)

Recommended:

(1) That the constitution not be amended following the motion submitted by Members.

(c) Minute No. 543 Constitution Review (separate report on the Agenda)

Recommended:

(1) That the following be added to Procedure Rule 15:

In proposing any changes to the budget any amendment must ensure that the proposal achieves a balanced budget.

(2) That the revised delegations, as set out in the report, be agreed.

(3) That the Planning Committee Procedure Note be agreed, as amended at the meeting.

(4) That Procedure Rule 19(2) be amended to read:

If five Councillors present at a Council meeting, three Councillors present at a Committee/Panel or two Councillors present at a Sub-Committee meeting demand it, the names for and against the motion or amendment or abstaining from voting will be taken down in writing and entered into the minutes.

Cabinet Meeting - 2 March 2016

(a) Minute No. 551 Strategic Business Planning 2016/17: Corporate Action Plan and Corporate Performance Targets

Recommended:

(1) That the Corporate Plan action plan for 2016/17 (§3.2 and Appendix I) be adopted.

(2) That the corporate performance indicator set for 2016/17 and associated 'hard' targets for 2016/17 and 'soft' targets for the following two years (§3.8 and Appendix II) be adopted.

(3) That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance, to amend performance indicators and targets during the course of the year should this become necessary (§3.9).