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CORPORATE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee will be held in the **Council Chamber at the Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton BN17 5LF** on **Thursday 14 October 2021 at 6.00 pm** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Gunner (Chair), Pendleton (Vice-Chair), Cooper, Dixon, Oppler, Roberts, Seex, Stanley and Dr Walsh

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For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact:
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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are invited to make any declaration of pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda, and are reminded that they should re-declare their interest before consideration of the items or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.

Members and Officers should make their declaration by stating:

- a) the item they have the interest in
- b) whether it is a pecuniary/personal interest and/or prejudicial interest
- c) the nature of the interest

3. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 6)

The Committee will be asked to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee held on 1 September 2021, which are attached.

4. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To receive questions from the public (for a period of up to 15 minutes)

6. DRAFT PUBLIC CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - COUNCIL VISION 2022-2026 [15 MINUTES]

(Pages 7 - 14)

This report describes the process for developing Arun District Council's Council Vision for the period 2022 – 2026. It describes the internal consultation process involved in developing this document and the formal approval process which will follow public consultation.

7. CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY [30 MINUTES] (Pages 15 - 48)

The Council declared a Climate Emergency on 15 January 2020 and set an objective to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. A carbon audit has been undertaken by consultants to analyse the Council's carbon emissions and propose a strategy to achieve this objective. This strategy will help steer the Council in the direction to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2030.

8. FINANCIAL PROSPECTS 2021/22 TO 2025/26 [30 MINUTES] (Pages 49 - 56)

The Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) covering the period up to 2025/26 rolls forward and updates the data in the existing approved MTFS. The Strategy amends certain assumptions contained in it to reflect changes in the Council's circumstances and other issues that have a strategic bearing on the Council's financial prospects.

9. URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH 2.23 OF THE CONSTITUTION [10 MINUTES] (Pages 57 - 58)

In accordance with the provisions of the Officer Scheme of Delegation in the Council's Constitution, the attached Urgent Decisions have been taken by the Chief Executive and are being reported to this Committee in line with Constitutional requirements.

The two decisions relate to:

- (1) Supplementary Estimate to Cover Costs Awarded Against the Council in Appeal P/58/19/PL; and
- (2) Supplementary Estimate to Cover Costs for Defending Appeal on Land South of Barnham Station, Barnham – BN/142/20/OUT.

It was necessary for the Chief Executive to agree these two decisions which were due to be debated by Full Council on 14 July 2021. As that meeting was adjourned without concluding the business on that agenda, it was agreed that these two items [unfinished business on that agenda] could not wait until 15 September Full Council meeting and were classed as urgent.

The two decisions taken by the Chief Executive were taken having undertaken full consultation with all Political Group Leaders. The report from the Chief Executive is attached.

10. MOTION REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE FROM FULL COUNCIL [10 MINUTES]

At Full Council on 15 September 2021, the Motion set out below was referred to this Committee for consideration:

Introduction

Whilst recognising the good intentions of the Council as expressed in the Energy Efficiency strategy 2020-25, for measures such as improved insulation and energy saving measures, this Council believes that action now needs to be stepped up if we are to meet our carbon reduction targets. We recognise two major difficulties: a high level of fuel poverty in the district; and the need to understand the new and emerging technologies required to address the carbon reduction targets. However, Arun District has declared a Climate Emergency and aims to be a carbon neutral authority by 2030. That is only eight years away.

In the last few years, Arun District Council has connected 200 council homes to the gas network, and in 2020, around 80 properties had gas boilers installed under the Safe and Warm Home grants scheme. And a few weeks ago, a special meeting of the Wellbeing and Residential committee was called at very short notice to authorise a communal heating gas boiler serving 70 homes to be replaced at Bersted Green Court. This boiler was known to be reaching the end of its life and its replacement had been planned.

Gas is a fossil fuel and causes high levels of carbon dioxide emissions. As we know, the government will be phasing out the use of gas for new housing in the next few years. It is still legally possible to carry on replacing boilers until around 2030 if they are assumed to last for up to twenty years; this would tie in with the government's target of reaching carbon neutral by 2050. However, at Arun we have set a higher target and so this does not set a good precedent. In fact, this decision alone will surely prevent us being a carbon neutral council by 2030 as we intended.

Motion

This Council requires that carbon neutral alternatives are found to replace heating systems in Council owned properties, rather than replacing gas boilers with new gas boilers. There are systems available and research for alternatives to suit a variety of properties should start now, so that Arun District Council is never again in the position of having to renew a gas boiler.

Proposer: Councillor Thurston
Seconder: Councillor Walsh

ITEMS PUT FORWARD FROM SERVICE COMMITTEES

11. ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE - 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Committee is asked to consider recommendations from the meeting of the Environment & Neighbourhood Services Committee held on 23 September 2021.

The minutes from this meeting will be circulated separately to this agenda.

OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

There are no items for this meeting.

12. WORK PROGRAMME [5 MINUTES]

(Pages 59 - 62)

A copy of the Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of 2021/22 is attached for information.

Note : If Members have any detailed questions, they are reminded that they need to inform the Chair and relevant Director in advance of the meeting.

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