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VISION WORKING PARTY

23 October 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillors Stanley (Vice-Chair), Gunner and Huntley.

Councillors Goodheart and Lawrence were also in attendance at the meeting.

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillors Ayling and Tandy.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

10. MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting of the Council Vision Working Party held on 19 September 2023 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

11. 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

The Chair confirmed that there were no urgent items for this meeting.

12. COUNCIL VISION - 2022-2026 - REVIEW OF COUNCIL VISION INDICATORS

The Group Head of Organisational Excellence drew Members' attention to the revised Vision document that had been provided with the agenda, this included the changes that had been suggested at the last meeting of the Working Party. To assist Members, an additional note setting out these changes using tracked changes had been provided so that the proposed changes could be seen and double checked for approval by the Working Party ahead of the Vision document being presented to the Policy & Finance Committee on 6 December 2023 ahead of recommendations being presented to Full Council on 10 January 2024.

The Working Party worked through each of the changes made as follows:

Improving the wellbeing of Arun

- Overall aims – the Working Party agreed that the third aim be changed to read as follows:

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Work with partners to provide advice, support and activities that promote **and deliver** community wellbeing where it will have the greatest impact.

- Objective 4 – changed to read:

Support the NHS Clinical Commissioners to provide primary care medical and dental facilities, **working through and with our partners** to help meet the growing needs of our community.

The Working Party approved these changes.

Delivering the right homes in the right places

No changes had been requested by the Working Party.

Supporting our environment to support us

- Overall aims - the Working Party agreed that the first aim be changed to read as follows:

To ~~consider~~ **reduce our adverse impact on the environment**, climate change, sustainability and biodiversity in everything the Council is responsible for and encourage the community and local businesses to do the same.

The Group Head of Organisational Excellence confirmed that Councillor Ayling had notified her in advance of the meeting of further changes that he wished to make to this aim.

In the absence of Councillor Ayling, a short adjournment was called by the Chair to allow the Group Head of Organisational Excellence to retrieve this request from her laptop.

It was confirmed that Councillor Ayling wished to strengthen the changes made at the last meeting to this aim to read “To **protect and enhance** our adverse impact on the environment, climate change, sustainability etc”.

Following discussion by the Working Party it was agreed that the changes proposed at the last meeting be agreed.

- Objective 5 had been changed to read:

Working with our community to **reduce waste and increase recycling** ~~improve waste reduction and recycling to meet future targets of 55% by 2025 and 60% by 2030~~

The Working Party approved these changes.

Fulfilling Arun's economic potential

- Objective 1 had been changed to read:

Create the conditions that will support high tech businesses, including the creative digital sector and green businesses, reducing the need for the workforce to commute out of the district **and supporting changing ways of working.**

The Working Party approved these changes.

- Objective 3 had been changed to read:

Encourage **an economy that will promote both active leisure and cultural opportunities that meet the needs of local people and visitors** ~~digital infrastructure that will support businesses and changing ways of working as well as the needs of local people~~

The Working Party approved these changes.

The Working Party

RECOMMEND TO THE POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 6
DECEMBER 2023

That the revised Council Vision document, to include the changes outlined above, be approved and recommended onto Full Council for approval.

On completion of the vote, Councillor Gunner requested that his opposition to this change in wording be recorded. He stated that this was because the reference to digital infrastructure, which was critical to all in the district, had been removed.

13. HIERARCHY OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A table setting out Vision Indicators CV1 to CV49 was circulated to the meeting by the Group Head of Organisational Excellence.

It was explained that this revised table had been pulled together taking on board the comments made at the last meeting of the Working Party and illustrated, using colour coding, suggestions for each of the indicators as set out below:

- Those coloured green – should remain meaning that they become vision outcomes rather than indicators and reported annually.
- Those coloured red – these indicators that were straight forward be reported back to the appropriate Service Committee for proper scrutiny by members with expertise in these areas.
- Those that were white – had been completed.

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Councillor Gunner asked why this document had not been circulated to Working Party Members in advance of the meeting as this would have enabled Members time to work through the detail of the document and provide input to the meeting.

In view of this, the Working Party agreed that this item be deferred to another meeting.

14. UPDATE ON STATEMENTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Group Head of Organisational Excellence reminded Members of the discussion that had taken place at its last meeting regarding the appropriateness of producing a statement confirming what the Council's foundations would be and what as an organisation Arun wanted to achieve.

Two examples, one used by Winchester and one used by Reading had been circulated to the meeting as Officers had liked how these foundations had been presented.

The Working Party was asked to consider pursuing this approach which would be published, not as part of the Vision document, but as part of a document explaining what the council aimed to be in terms of the services it delivered. Members were invited to submit their views and suggestions as to how such a document might look.

In view of the ongoing work that the Council was undertaking with its savings review, meaning that the Council needed to be clear in confirming its ambitions moving forward, it was agreed that this item also be deferred to a future meeting of the Working Party. Comments were again made by Councillor Gunner over the lack of information presented to Members in advance of the meeting which he stated was not acceptable.

The Working Party agreed that this item be deferred to another meeting to be arranged.

In looking at a date for the next meeting of the Working Party, the 13 November at 6.00 pm was identified as an option, subject to the approval of the Chair of the Working Party.

The Committee Manager confirmed that she would liaise with Councillor Tandy and would confirm this date as soon as possible.

(The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm)