

CORPORATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

30 April 2024 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillors Oppler (Chair), Tandy (Vice-Chair), Bower, Brooks, Mrs Cooper (Substitute for Lloyd), English, Jones, O'Neill, Turner and Warr

Councillor May was also in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

786. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Lawrence and Lloyd who was substituted by Councillor A Cooper.

787. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

788. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 January 2024 were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

789. 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

There were no urgent items presented to the committee at the meeting.

790. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions received for the meeting.

791. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS PERFORMANCE 2023/24

The Information Governance Manager advised members that her report provided them with an overview of the activity for corporate complaints during 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.

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As there were no questions raised specifically on the report, members noted the report.

792. ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Group Head of Law and Governance introduced the report where he explained that this report followed on from the report previously presented at the last meeting of the committee held on 31 January 2024 and its purpose was for members to consider the recommendations to enable an electoral review of the Arun District. He drew members attention to the finalisation of dates presented in the review timeline which included potential Working Party meeting dates. He then explained that the Policy & Finance Committee had reviewed the costings for the review, where it had been confirmed that the majority of costs would be met within the existing budgets. However, there would be minimal external costs attributed to external advertising.

The Chair confirmed Councillor Jones proposed the recommendations and Councillor Brooks formally seconded.

A question was raised relating to the wording of the recommendations where it was queried if the wording was too restrictive. It was confirmed that ultimately future recommendations would be directed by the Boundary Commission and the scope of this would be determined by their review of the district. The wording used for this report was a specific request from Full Council as the debate highlighted that council wanted a specific focus on a reduction in council member numbers. As there were no other questions, members put the recommendations to the vote.

The Committee

RESOLVED that it

- (i) Considered and approved the electoral review timetable set out in the Appendix to this report and reports its approval of the timetable to Full Council;
- (ii) Noted the outcome of the report to the Policy & Finance Committee on 7 March 2024 regarding the costs of conducting the electoral review; and
- (iii) **Recommends to Full Council** that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England be invited by the Council to carry out a review of:
 - a. The number of councillors needed within Arun District, but with a specific focus on reducing members; and
 - b. (b) The warding arrangements within Arun District.

793. PENSIONS DISCRETION POLICY

The Group Head of Organisational Excellence was invited to present the report where she provided an overview of the findings of the review of the Council's pensions discretion policy and the updated policy (appendix A) which was required to be considered and approved by the committee and recommended to Full Council for its adoption.

The Chair confirmed that Councillor Tandy proposed the recommendations and Councillor O'Neill formally seconded.

The Committee

RESOLVED that it

- a. **Recommends to Full Council** that the updated policy on pension discretions shown as Appendix A, be approved, and formally adopted.
- b. Delegated authority be given to the Group Head of Organisational Excellence to make necessary changes to the pension discretions resulting from changes to employment legislation or Council policy.

794. OUTSIDE BODIES UPDATE

There were no updates reported to the meeting.

795. WORK PROGRAMME

Members noted the completion of its work programme for 2023/24.

(The meeting concluded at 6.15 pm)