



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Recovery & Future Generations Policy Development Committee

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, 27 April 2021 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor V M Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
Y V Jardine
L V Walton

Councillor(s)

J A Hale
M Sherwood

Councillor(s)

D W Helliwell
P B Smith

Co-opted Member(s)

Y V Jardine

Officer(s)

Jeremy Parkhouse
Joanne Portwood
Jonathan Wills

Democratic Services Officer
Strategy and Policy Officer
Lead Lawyer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): P K Jones, R C Stewart and L J Tyler-Lloyd

31 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared: -

Councillor V M Evans – Minute No. 33 – Recovery Plans – Employed by GWR – personal.

32 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Recovery & Future Generations Policy Development Committee held on 30 March 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

33 Recovery Plan.

The Chair reported that unfortunately, the Leader of the Council, Councillor R C Stewart, had been called to an urgent meeting and had forwarded his apologies for the meeting. She added that he would attend the next scheduled meeting in June 2021.

The Chair also reported progress she had in a meeting with Councillor A Pugh, Cabinet Member for Supporting Communities and discussed the following with the Committee: -

- Employability – the Chair reported the progress made throughout the Authority regarding the Prisoner Release Scheme and highlighted the success of a previous scheme which would hopefully be re-established.

The Committee highlighted different areas for progress including involving local charities, restorative justice, involvement of credit unions, benefit problems surrounding short prison sentences;

- High Street Project – Further discussions would take place at the meeting scheduled for June 2021. Representatives of the Resilience Team would provide a presentation regarding the aspirations and how the problems of the area would be combatted.

The Committee discussed the opportunity to work in partnership with the Resilience Team and influence the developments, involving Castle Ward Members in the project, the importance of making immediate progress following the Covid 19 Pandemic, the need to be provided with written rather than verbal updates, the lack of connectivity between the City Centre / Bus Station and the Railway Station and the continued negative effect upon the local economy, the difficulties faced by the area / vulnerable people / the need to support individuals.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the discussions be noted;
- 2) The Chair organises a Working Group to discuss Employability.

34 Workplan 2020/21.

The Chair presented an updated Work Plan 2020/21 Report. She outlined that the following would be scheduled for the meeting in June 2021: -

- Youth Forum / Council
- Resilience Fund
- Recovery Plan
- Employability / Community Volunteering
- High Street Update
- Citizenship Programme

It was added that Co-production would be scheduled for the meeting in July 2021. It was noted that Transport issues had moved to the Economy & Infrastructure PDC.

Resolved that the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 2.35 pm

Chair