



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Transformation & Future Council Policy Development Committee

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 25 June 2019 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor L S Gibbard (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
P B Smith

Councillor(s)

J A Hale
L J Tyler-Lloyd

Councillor(s)

M B Lewis
L V Walton

Officer(s)

Sarah Caulkin
Sally-Ann Evans
Kate Jones
Joanne Portwood

Chief Transformation Officer
Senior Lawyer
Democratic Services Officer
Strategy and Policy Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J E Burtonshaw

5 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

6 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Transformation & Future Council Policy Development Committees held on 23 April 2019 and 9 May 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

7 Terms of Reference.

The Terms of Reference was provided for information.

8 Work Plan 2019-2020.

The Chair outlined potential topics for the Committee to discuss and invited suggestions from the Committee for potential work plan items for the Transformation & Future Council Policy Development Committee 2019-2020.

The Committee discussed the following suggestions put forward by the Chair:-

Consultation and Co-production – this item was suggested to follow on from the work on Co-production from the previous year and increase the scope to explore Council consultation and communication. This work could include exploration of how the Council can make better use of Digital Technology, whilst improving access to services for those people who are digitally excluded and / or find it difficult to make use of digital technologies. This work would link with the Digital Inclusion Strategy, Consultation Engagement Strategy and Co-production Strategy. The Chief Digital and Transformation Officer would work with the Strategy and Policy Officer on potential timescales for the aforementioned strategies to come to the Committee.

Workforce Diversity – this item was to follow on from the work on the Gender Pay Gap from the previous year and expand the scope for this year to explore how the Council can improve data collection in relation to diversity. The Equality and Human Rights Commissioner had indicated that Council's would be required to collect data on other protected characteristics in the future such as disability and race.

Human Rights City – this was proposed as a new item to keep a watching brief on the Progress of the Human Rights City. Following discussions, it was largely felt that the topic may sit better within another area / committee.

Sustainable Development Policy – this was proposed as a new item to re-develop the Council's Sustainability Policy to come in line with the Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015.

There was a further suggestion to look at Civic Socialism as a topic looking at the Preston Model and whether it could be relevant and / or adapted.

Adjourned at 2.30

The Committee adjourned due to a fire alarm

Reconvened at 2.50

The Committee requested that written information be provided prior to the Committee to allow Members opportunity to fully consider the items prior to the meeting.

The Chief Digital and Transformation Officer also discussed the rhythm of meetings and possibility of holding workshops.

Resolved that the Work Plan for 2019-2020 consist of:

- 1) Consultation and Co-production;
- 2) Workforce Diversity; and
- 3) Sustainable Development Policy.

The meeting ended at 2.55 pm

Chair