

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD
Havering Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
4 March 2015 (7.30pm - 8.55 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group	John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Jason Frost, Steven Kelly and Carol Smith
Residents' Group	June Alexander, Nic Dodin and Ray Morgon
East Havering Residents' Group'	Gillian Ford (Chairman)
UKIP Group	Patricia Rumble
Independent Residents' Group	Graham Williamson

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors David Durant, Robby Misir, Dilip Patel and Lawrence Webb.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the start of the meeting the Board agreed that Councillor Ray Morgan chair the meeting.

All decisions were taken with no votes against.

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 PROPOSED CORPORATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND TARGETS FOR 2015/16

Members received a report which set out the proposed Corporate Performance Indicators and the associated targets for 2015/16 for review by the Board prior to the finalisation of the Corporate Plan and individual Service Plans.

Members of the Board were asked to contribute to the service planning process by reviewing and commenting on the proposed Corporate Performance Indicators and the associated targets in light of previous performance and the benchmarking data.

Members of the Board were also invited to review and comment on the proposed tolerances for RAG (Red,Amber,Green) rating performance going forward.

Members' comments would be fed into the wider service planning process and would inform the finalisation of the Corporate Plan and individual Service Plans.

Appendix A of the report set out the proposed Corporate Performance Indicators and associated targets for 2015/16. The proposed performance indicators were split into four sections, relating to staffing, service users, business processes and finance. Each indicator had proposed targets for 2015/16 and 2016/17, along with a proposed tolerance for RAG rating performance (e.g. +/-5% or +/-10%).

Appendix B of the report contained previous performance and benchmarking data related to Corporate Performance Indicators.

During the debate members received clarification on a number of the indicators and in some instances officers undertook to re-evaluate indicators following queries raised by Members.

During a discussion regarding parking income Members queried the higher target that had been set for 2015/16. In reply officers commented that the figures took into account the new charging structure that had recently been agreed at Cabinet. The Council's Smart cars were now, following guidance by the Department for Communities and Local Government, only used on certain activities mainly to control illegal parking around schools and such like. The Council was looking to appoint more traffic wardens who would patrol the borough on a rota basis ensuring all areas were covered.

Members noted that the MOPAC crime figures were targets agreed with the Mayor's office that attracted linked funding to deliver specific projects to achieve the Council's targets.

The Interim Director of Public Health updated Members on several performance targets for healthcare within the borough.

Members agreed that the performance indicators that underperformed only had value if there was an action plan to remedy the situation attached or at least a narrative explaining what action was to be taken to improve the performance. It was also agreed that it would be useful in the future to know which targets were statutory and non-statutory.

In response to a question regarding the TBC figures from Exchequer and Transactional Services, officers advised that the following were the projected targets CS3 20 days, CS4 15 days, CS1 96.7% and CS2 98%.

Members noted that there were lots of reviews taking place on how the Council dealt with cases of child sexual exploitation and that discussions would take place on how targets and in particular narratives were reported on cases.

In reply to a question regarding recycling members were advised that the targets were not to increase as the borough had a high level of recycling already in place.

Members felt it would be useful if the newly created Cabinet role that dealt with performance role was defined to the Board.

Members were advised that there were not Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committees covering all the services that the Council offered and that some performance figures would be presented to just the Board. If Members wished to see further performance figures from service areas not covered by a Sub-Committee then they could request those figures to be reported direct to the board. Regarding Cabinet and performance figures these had previously been looked at by the value Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Members advised officers that was little information being collated on the performance of housing Decent Homes contractors. Members also felt it would be useful to see what levels of Decent Homes works had been and were being carried out and which homes had now fallen out of Decent Homes standard due to the time period which had elapsed since the works began.

Officers advised that the service plans were currently in draft form and would be finalised shortly and then sent to each Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee for their consideration and agreement.

Members noted the report and both appendices.

15 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Chairman advised Members that the Debt Recovery Topic Group had now met and had submitted a detailed set of questions to officers for their comment. The topic group would be looking at Council Tax, NNDR, Housing (including Private Sector Leasing) and Social Services.

Members noted that an updated report on sickness absence had been requested from officers and it was hoped that this would be available before the next meeting of the Board.

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Members were advised that an Educational Level of Attainment Topic Group had been set up and was due to meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Chairman