

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL

Minutes from the Meeting of the Corporate Performance Panel held on Monday, 2nd March, 2020 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ

PRESENT: Councillor S Dark (Chair)
Councillors P Beal, F Bone, M de Whalley, A Dickinson, H Humphrey, A Kemp, C Manning, J Moriarty, C Morley, S Nash, T Parish, C Rose and D Tyler

Portfolio Holders

Councillor B Long, Leader

Officers:

Becky Box, Assistant Director Central Services
Jo Stanton, Revenues and Benefits Manager
Dave Robson, Environmental Services Manager

CP83 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B Ayres.

CP84 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Corporate performance Panel held on 13 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CP85 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

CP86 **URGENT BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7**

There was no urgent business.

CP87 **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillors F Bone, M de Whalley, A Kemp, C Morley and T Parish for all items.

CP88 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE (IF ANY)**

There was no Chair's correspondence.

CP89 PRESENTATION ON IMPROVING ATTAINMENT IN WEST NORFOLK

The Panel received a presentation from Neil Groves, Education and Early Years Service, Norfolk County Council and Becky Box, Assistant Director Central Services.

Officers responded to questions from the Panel in relation to:

- Embedding new practice vision and ways of working to achieve consistently high quality – Ofsted inspection due end of 2020 or early 2021. N Groves advised that this key issue was in relation to social care and undertook to email the information to the Panel.
- An overview of how to drive up attainment levels.
- Languages available in schools – French, German, Spanish, Latin. The offer of languages would be an area to focus on. It was highlighted that the language offer varied from school to school.
- Overview of requirements for Ofsted Inspections.
- Provision in schools for students where English was not their first language.
- Attendance rates within both primary and secondary schools.
- Education provision in both private and mainstream schools.
- Progress from starting points in relation to middle level attainers.
- Support available for lowest attainment students.
- Transition arrangements from Primary to Secondary Schools.
- Teacher recruitment in Norfolk and nationally and access to teacher training school within Norfolk.
- Provision in school for higher achiever pupils. It was noted that the support varied in each school.
- Overview of the working undertaken by the Borough Council to support the education service provided by Norfolk County Council.
- How schools could access PiXL funding, who was a not for profit organisation.
- Physical education activities – the national curriculum allows access to a physical activity once a week.
- Support for pupils with mental health issues.
- Raising student aspirations.
- School budgets.
- Other school initiatives such as theatre trips and cultural activities.
- Borough Council's role in providing support to the education authority. It was noted that the Borough Council used Second Homes Money to deliver the Improving Attainment Programme to support specific projects.
- Parental engagement.

- Learning Catalyst Programme to be relaunched by the Borough Council.

The Leader explained that the council did not have a Portfolio Holder for Education, but the Borough Council provided support in a number of ways to improve attainment in the west and congratulated the Assistant Director, Central Services and her team on the improving attainment programme.

The Chair thanked officers for attending and giving an informative annual update.

RESOLVED: 1) The Panel to receive an annual update in 2021.

2) N Groves to forward the following information for circulation to the Panel:

- Draft Strategic Overview of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.
- Embedding new practice vision in relation to social care.

The Committee had a comfort break at 7.35 pm and reconvened at 7.41 pm.

CP90

CALL-IN - KING'S LYNN TRANSPORT STUDY

The Chair outlined the background to the call-in by Councillor Moriarty and drew the Panel's attention to the ruling made by the Chief Executive as set out below:

"The call-in is valid in respect of Standing order 12.4(d):

Recommendations 2 and 3 to Cabinet 4 February 2020 from the Regeneration and Development Panel meeting held on 28 January 2020 as published as the supplementary item to the Cabinet agenda were not taken into account in making the decision:

The Chair explained that the debate on the call-in would only focus on Recommendations 2 and 3 and not the Transport document and wider issues.

The Chair then outlined the procedure that would be followed set out at section 5 of the report and advised Members that if any Councillor deviated from the specific reason for the call-in, then he would reserve the right to bring the meeting back to order.

The Chair invited Councillor Moriarty to present the call in of Cabinet Decision on the King's Lynn Transport Study.

Councillor Moriarty addressed the Panel and outlined the reasons for the call in of the Cabinet Decision, welcomed the King's Lynn Transport document and congratulated the Leader and Portfolio Holder for the work undertaken in collaboration with Norfolk County Council. Councillor Moriarty stated that the recommendations from the Regeneration and Development Panel were not read out in the Cabinet meeting.

Councillor Moriarty commented that in his view, the Transport Strategy itself had never been voted on, and the Cabinet only voted on how some steps might be implemented, not on the strategy itself.

The Chair invited Councillor de Whalley to address the Panel.

Councillor de Whalley addressed the Panel and outlined four reasons why he had supported the call-in. The reasons outlined by Councillor de Whalley were not specific to the recommendations to Cabinet from the Regeneration and Development Panel.

The Chair stated that the comments made by Councillor de Whalley did not address the specific reasons for the call-in.

The Chair invited Councillor Kemp to address the Panel.

Councillor Kemp addressed the Panel and provided an overview why she had supported the call-in. The reasons outlined by Councillor Kemp were not specific to the call-in.

The Chair commented that two out of the four supporters of the call-in had not specifically addressed the reasons for the call in and drew Members' attention to the two recommendations of the call-in and requested that the other supporters keep to recommendations 2 and 3 from the Regeneration and Development Panel.

The Chair invited Councillor Parish to address the Panel.

Councillor Parish addressed the Panel and explained that as Vice-Chair of the Regeneration and Development Panel he attended the Cabinet Meeting on 4 February and presented the comments from the Panel. Councillor Parish made reference to the Regeneration and Development Panel Minutes of 28 January 2020 drawing attention to the three recommendations and highlighted that the Panel felt that the Strategy was not clearly defined and required further work.

Under Standing Order, Councillor Morley explained that he had attended the Regeneration and Development Panel and Cabinet and had highlighted that the Strategy had not been clearly defined and added that neither the climate change strategy nor the local plan had been taken into account. Councillor Morley commented that Cabinet should state that they recognised the document was not the full strategy, but set out short and medium term actions.

The Chair invited the Portfolio Holder for Development, Councillor Blunt to address the Panel.

Councillor Blunt asked the Chair if the comments made by made by Councillors Kemp and de Whalley could be disregarded as they were not relevant to the call-in.

In response, the Chair explained that he had asked Councillors to address the specific reasons for the call-in.

Councillor Blunt explained that he had attended the Regeneration and Development Panel and had referred to the background papers listed in the report which included the full King's Lynn Transport Strategy Stage 3 report which contained consultation responses and he wider context, including a vision and objectives.

Councillor Blunt advised that he had listened to the Regeneration and Development Panel's views and that he had explained that the recommendation was for the Panel to agree the Implementation Plan attached to the document.

Councillor Blunt commented that he had held discussions with the Leader and Councillor Parish in relation to the recommendations from the Regeneration and Development Panel. Cabinet had recognised the recommendations from the Panel, but that they had not been included in the minutes.

Councillor Blunt outlined the stages which had been required to show a clear process of how the 33 options had been identified. He explained that the strategy would be monitored and that changes may be needed in the future and had agreed with the Leader that an ongoing Task Group would be set up in the next two to three months to develop and monitor the strategy.

At the invitation of the Chair, the Environmental Health Manager provided clarification on the strategy. It was explained that a consultation exercise had been undertaken on the objectives and vision strategy in the summer of 2018, 115 ideas had been received. Stage 1 of the document was published on the Council's website, see link below:

[file:///homeserver/Users\\$/wvincent/Downloads/klts_current_and_future_problems.pdf](file:///homeserver/Users$/wvincent/Downloads/klts_current_and_future_problems.pdf)

The Panel was advised that the consultants had now produced the report which had reviewed all the proposals and took into consideration comments made following the consultation exercise. There were 33 schemes contained in the Implementation Plan, which were prioritised into short, medium and long term.

The Environmental Health Manager informed the Panel that the Stage 2 Options Appraisal Report was also published on the Council's website, see link below:

[file:///homeserver/Users\\$/wvincent/Downloads/stage_two_options_report%20\(1\).pdf](file:///homeserver/Users$/wvincent/Downloads/stage_two_options_report%20(1).pdf)

The Environmental Health Manager outlined the reasons why there appeared to be confusion and explained that Cabinet were being asked to:

- 1) Note the consultation responses received as part of the consultation process and note that these were recognised in the proposal.
- 2) Cabinet adopt the King's Lynn Transport Strategy Implementation Plan

Cabinet was not being asked to adopt the Strategy.

The Chair invited questions from the Panel.

Councillor Humphrey commented that he had considered the reason for the call-in and looked at the Cabinet Minutes and explained that Councillor Parish had attended the Cabinet Meeting on 4 February 2020 under Standing Order 34 and presented the comments of the Regeneration and Development Panel. Therefore in his view, the Panel's views were considered when Cabinet were debating the King's Lynn Transport Strategy. For the reasons outlined above, Councillor Humphrey did not support the call-in.

The Chair invited Councillor Moriarty to sum up in relation to the original reason for the call-in.

Councillor Moriarty stated that he understood the comments made by Councillor Humphrey in that the Vice-Chair of the Regeneration and Development had presented the Panel's views to Cabinet, but that it had not been recorded in the minutes. Councillor Moriarty advised that he had attended and recorded the Cabinet meeting on 4 February 2020. In conclusion, Councillor Moriarty encouraged the Portfolio Holder for Development to set up the task group as soon as possible.

The Chair commented that the Panel had heard the reasons for the call in from Councillor Moriarty and supporters.

The Panel voted on whether to uphold or not uphold the call-in.

RESOLVED: The Panel did not uphold the call-in, but supported the proposal from the Portfolio Holder to set up a Task Group in the next two to three months to develop and monitor the strategy.

CP91 CABINET FORWARD DECISION LIST

Councillor Mrs Dickinson asked for clarification on the following reports for 17 March 2020:

- Update to the Major Project Board Terms of Reference and
- Review of Terms of Reference of the Major Projects Board being undertaken by the Audit Committee Cross Party Working Group.

The Democratic Services Officer undertook to clarify the reports with the Chief Executive.

CP92 PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

Councillor Moriarty explained that he had asked for the recording of meetings to be added to the work programme and understood that research was currently being undertaken to ascertain how other local authorities operated and asked if the item could be considered at the next meeting on 7 April 2020. The Democratic Services Officer undertook to liaise with relevant officers.

In response to a question from Councillor Humphrey on the forthcoming items listed, the Democratic Services Officer advised that the 2020/2021 work programme was currently being drafted and the forthcoming items would be scheduled for future meetings.

CP93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Corporate Performance Panel will take place on 7 April 2020 at 6 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, King's Lynn.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm