

Minutes of the meeting of the **SCRUTINY (POLICY AND PERFORMANCE) COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday, 11 October 2016 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor M I Cosin (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors: T A Bond
R J Frost
B J Glayzer
J M Heron
M J Holloway
S C Manion
M Rose
D A Sargent

Officers: Director of Environment and Corporate Assets
Team Leader – Democratic Support

66 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

67 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members appointed.

68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

69 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Team Leader – Democratic Support advised that no members of the public had registered to speak on items on the agenda to which the public speaking protocol applied.

71 DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCRUTINY (POLICY AND PERFORMANCE) COMMITTEE

Members received the decisions of the Cabinet relating to recommendations made by the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

72 ISSUES REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY COUNCIL, CABINET, SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION) COMMITTEE OR ANOTHER COMMITTEE

There were no items of business for consideration.

73 ITEMS CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY OR PLACED ON THE AGENDA BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, ANY INDIVIDUAL NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OR PUBLIC PETITION

There were no items of business for consideration.

74 NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING KEY DECISIONS

The Team Leader – Democratic Support presented the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions to the Committee for its consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions be noted subject to the inclusion of item 22 (Approval of draft Waterloo Crescent, Dover Conservation Area Appraisal for public consultation) in the Work Programme.

75 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Team Leader – Democratic Support presented the Scrutiny Work Programme to the Committee for its consideration.

The Chairman requested that the Team Leader – Democratic Support obtain an update on the proposed date for the site visit to the St James development and circulate it to Members.

Members discussed an issue raised with by constituent of Councillor T A Bond's concerning errors in payments from the Council. It was agreed that this should be a matter for the Governance Committee as it fell within its remit.

RESOLVED: That the work programme be noted subject to Members receiving an update on the date of the site visit to the St James development.

76 ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO DOVER TOWN HALL

The Director of Environment and Corporate Assets presented the report on Essential Repairs to Dover Town Hall.

Members were advised that Dover Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall) was situated within a Conservation Area and was a Grade II Listed Building as well as being a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The building, which was believed to have links to Canterbury Cathedral, was not being used to its full potential, was progressively deteriorating and a bid for funding support to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) was being developed.

To support the preparation of the HLF bid and undertake essential repairs, a provision for £150,000 had been made in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) as well as £30,000 from the Special Revenue Reserve to cover additional survey work. The additional survey work would ensure that the HLF bid was based on a detailed understanding of the building and its needs.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to the Cabinet that Decision CAB66 be endorsed as follows:

- (a) That the use of a further £30,000 from the Special Revenue Reserve to support the preparation of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid for Maison Dieu, Dover (Dover Town Hall) be approved.
- (b) That the use of £150,000 from the current provision within the Capital Programme, to carry out essential repairs to avoid further deterioration of the building's fabric, be approved.

The meeting ended at 6.29 pm.