

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting - 26 November 2015

Present: Mr Naylor (Chairman)
Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Lowen-Cooper, Mr Samson and Mr Vincent

Also Present: Mr Bagge

Apologies for absence: Mr D Dhillon

22. MINUTES

The minutes of the PAG held on 10 September were agreed.

23. REPORT FROM MEMBERS

Mr Naylor attended the Town and Country Planning Association's "What's the Plan?" conference on the 24 November 2015. He reported back that the conference, regarding Local Plan-making, was attended by a number of Local Authorities. Speakers included representatives of DCLG and the Leader of Lambeth Council, and was a worthwhile exercise, given where SDBC are with our own Local Plan.

24. CURRENT ISSUES

None.

25. PORTFOLIO BUDGETS 2016/17

The PAG considered a report seeking approval for the draft revenue budget, and fees and charges schedule for the 2016/17 Sustainable Development Portfolio. The report outlined the context of the overall financial position facing the Council for the coming year, and showed the budget assumptions based on inflation, whilst highlighting that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be looking in to how savings can be made.

In considering the report, the PAG particularly noted the following:

- That the increase in the budget for 2016/2017 was due mainly to provision for the Local Development Fund;
- That the fees and charges were to remain the same as 2015/2016.

After further discussions, members requested a breakdown of the increase in the supplies and services budget from £326,620 to £767,440.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder has **AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that:

- The 2016/2017 revenue budget be agreed.
- The 2016/2017 fees and charges be agreed.

26. **REPORTS FOR NOTING**

None.

27. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

28. **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

“That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 following item of business is not for publication to the press or public on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.”

HS2-Update para 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

The PAG advised the Portfolio Holder to recommend to Cabinet that the recommendations in the report be approved.

The meeting terminated at 6.44 pm