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RESOURCES & DELIVERING VALUE SCRUTINY BOARD - 9 November 2020

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: K Wild (Chairman), T Diccico (Vice Chairman), Mrs K Wild (Chairman), M Allen, B Groom, M Gough, M Brain, T Diccico, M Parker, W Qais, J Fairburn, A Adeyemo and R Sleigh OBEM Allen, B Groom, J Fairburn and M Brain

Members in Attendance: Councillor B Sleigh, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Resources
Councillor A Adeyemo

Officers: Paul Johnson, Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive
Sam Gilbert, Assistant Director (Finance and Property Services)
Paul Langham, Assistant Director (Business Systems)
Julie Cooper, Head of Financial Operations
Richard Johnson, Social Care Programme Manager
Adrian Cattell, Head of Human Resources
Paul Rogers, Democratic Services

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

No questions were received. A deputation was received from Councillor A Adeyemo.

4. MINUTES - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED:

- (i) To agree the Minutes arising from the Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board meeting held on 14th September 2020 as a correct record.

5. MINUTES -12TH OCTOBER 2020

- (i) To agree the Minutes arising from the Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board meeting held on 12th October 2020 as a correct record.

6. MOTION FROM FULL COUNCIL 6TH OCTOBER 2020

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Resources addressed the Scrutiny Board, advising that the *Medium Term Financial Strategy Update as at 30th September*

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2020 report dated 5th November 2020 as submitted to Full Cabinet had been provided for Board Members reference.

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder advised that the Council had welcomed Government fiscal support received to date during the Covid-19 pandemic and called on Government for future support for residents and businesses in the borough.

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder noted that the Council Motion displayed a clear commitment to continued support for Solihull residents and businesses. Members were advised that although the Council had received £38M fiscal support through grant and Council Tax relief, it was still addressing financial pressures arising from the pandemic and called for additional, on-going financial support from Government.

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder concluded that the Council Motion was drafted intentionally to be broad in its scope to allow for future dialogue with Government to continue.

The Madam Chairman invited Councillor Adeyemo to address the Scrutiny Board. Councillor Adeyemo stated that he supported the Cabinet Portfolio Holder's Council Motion, but was, however, mindful that the Council should not be financially disadvantaged from having supported residents and businesses in Solihull during the Covid-19 pandemic. Councillor Adeyemo also emphasised that no residents in the borough should be left behind in terms of future assistance and support.

Having considered and commented on the Council Motion, Members of the Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board:

RESOLVED:

- (i) To unanimously agree the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Resources Council Motion, put to Full Council on 6th October 2020, relating to the financial implications of the Covid-19 pandemic.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The meeting was not open to the public during discussion of the following item because the report contained exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

8. ORACLE CLOUD PROGRAMME

The Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board meeting closed at 6:54 p.m.