

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Management, Accommodation & Digital Strategy Working Party

Date: Wednesday, 27th May, 2015

Place: Civic Centre, Civic Suite, Committee Room 2

Present: Councillor Woodley (Chairman)
Councillors Ayling, Arscott, *Betson, Davies, Gilbert, Holland and Lamb.

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: S Holland, J Ruffle, N Corrigan and R Harris.

Start/End Time: 17.30/18.35

****** Part I**

1 Apologies and substitutions.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Longley (sub: Cllr Betson).

2 Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 29th September, 2014

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

4 Digital Strategy

The Working Party considered the most recent version of the Council's Digital Strategy for 2014-17. The first draft of the strategy was considered by the Working Party at its meeting on 29th September 2014.

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Members asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers. Members also made the following comments:-

- This was a comprehensive strategy and officers need to ensure it links up across the whole Council and where possible with the Council's partners (e.g. health, etc);
- cross-referencing the strategy to other policies and Council strategies;

- Ensure that residents continue to receive services by traditional methods (e.g. face-to-face, telephony, etc);
- The need to be explicit on the implications and risks of the strategy.

Resolved:

That Cabinet be recommended to adopt the Digital Strategy 2014-17 and the actions contained therein.

5 People Management Strategy Action Plan 2014/15 End of Year Progress

The Working Party considered a report from Head of People & Policy which provided the end of year progress against the People Management Strategy Action Plan 2014/15.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

6 People Management Strategy 2015-18

The Working Party considered the People Management Strategy 2015-18 and related Action Plan for 2015/16.

Members asked a number of questions which the officers responded to.

Resolved:

That Cabinet be recommended to adopt the People Management Strategy 2015-18.

7 Accommodation Strategy Update

The Working Party considered a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services which provided an update on the New Ways of Working Programme (NWOWP) and the achievements to date.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.