

Minutes of the Select Committee for Policy Review

**12th September 2017 at 6.00 pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillor Worsey (Chair);
Councillors Cherrington, Edwards and Sandars.

Apology: Councillor Hickey.

3/17 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

4/17 Framework for Policy Assessment

Further to Minute No. 2/17, the Select Committee considered potential criteria for a Policy Assessment Framework, which would be used to grade the Council's key policies and strategies, helping to determine a prioritised work programme for the Select Committee.

From the comments and questions by members of the Board, the following responses were made and issues highlighted:-

- the Vision 2030 had been launched and a series of events for councillors, employees and staff were being held to introduce the new ambitions for Sandwell;
- the West Midlands Combined Authority Strategic Economic Plan had been adopted and it was important for Sandwell to ensure its strategies were well-aligned to that plan to maximise benefit for the borough and the people of Sandwell.

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The Select Committee agreed that as the Vision was now agreed, it would be useful to undertake a 'health check' of current key policies and strategies of the Council to ensure they remained up to date and supported the ambitions for the borough.

Resolved:-

- (1) that the Executive Director – Resources develop a Framework for Policy Assessment with the following elements:
 - (a) when the strategy was approved;
 - (b) when the strategy is due for review;
 - (c) how the Strategy can and could fit the ambitions of the Vision 2030;
 - (d) gauge strategic importance;
 - (e) alignment to the West Midlands Combined Authority Strategic Economic Plan;
 - (f) collaboration with partner organisations.
- (2) that the list of key Council Policies and Strategies attached as Appendix 1 be agreed for grading through the Framework for Policy Assessment in (1) above;
- (3) that a meeting of the Select Committee for Policy Review be held in November 2017 to consider the outcome of (2) above.

(Meeting ended at 6.39 pm)

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Key Council Policies and Strategies

Key Strategic Documents

Adult Safeguarding Strategic Plan

Anti-Poverty Action Plan

Black Country Core Strategy

Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan

Digital Strategy

Early Help Strategy

Green Space Strategy

Housing Strategy

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Licensing Policies

Safeguarding Children Board Plan

Police and Crime Plan

Sandwell Children's Social Care Trust Business Plan

Internal Corporate Strategies

Code of Corporate Governance

Corporate Asset Management Strategy

Corporate Parenting Strategy

Corporate ICT Strategy

Medium Term Financial Strategy

Corporate Procurement Strategy

Risk Management Strategy