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DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

17 APRIL 2024

Present:

MEMBERS:

Councillor Tindall (Leader) Councillors, Adeleke, Allen, Anderson, Banks, Barry, Bristow, Bromham, Capozzi, Cox, Dhyani, Douris, Durrant, Elliot, England, Freedman, Gale, Guest, Hobson, Johnson, Link, Link, Maddern, McArevey, Mitchell, Patterson, Pesch, Pound, Pringle, Reynolds, Riddick, Santamaria, Silwal, Stevens, Stewart, Symington, Taylor, Walker, Weston, Wilkie, Williams, Williams and C Wyatt-Lowe

OFFICERS:

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Action: Democratic Support to review the Minutes of the previous meeting as it was noted there were spelling mistakes and that Cllr B Link was referred to as Clink.

Cllr Tindall noted a correction on the previous minutes. The minutes as printed were factually correct however he said that the reason that Cllr Symington stepped down from Cabinet was because she had been selected as a parliamentary candidate and felt it was appropriate, so although the opposition did speak the words as written they were mistaken.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participations.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were announcements from the Mayor who advised of his upcoming events.

The Chief Executive made the following announcements,

The Chief Executive - There will be a Police & Crime Commissioner election on Thursday 2nd of May 2024. The verification of the ballot papers will be carried out on Friday the 3rd of May from 10am. The Count will take place on Saturday 4th of May from 10am. Both of which will be held at The Forum. For further details, please contact the Elections team.

The Chief Executive - On 26th March I received notification that Councillor Goverdhan Silwal left the Conservative Party and will continue as an Independent Councillor.

Cllr Tindall gave apologies on behalf of Cllrs, Smith Wright, S Hobson and Deacon.

Cllr Williams gave apologies on behalf of Cllrs, Barradell, Durrant, Timmis and Bhinder.

Cllr Pesch gave apologies on behalf of Cllr Hannell.

There were apologies from Cllr Birnie.

5 CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

The Portfolio Holders took their updates as read and were happy to take questions.

Actions:

Item 5.4 (Cllr Wilkie PH update) Cllr Banks referred to funding for playground refurbishments and asked if this be inclusive for children with disabilities. Cllr Wilkie confirmed this would be the case but advised she would take the question away to provide further information.

Item 5.5 (Cllr Weston PH update) Cllr Guest asked for a timescale for the publication of the Corporate Plan. Cllr Weston confirmed it is expected within the next couple of months and confirmed she will provide expected timescales by email.

The full discussion and questions can be views via the video minutes

6 BUSINESS FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

There was no outstanding business from the last meeting.

7 CABINET REFERRALS

7.1 CA/33/24 Senior Officer Pay Policy 19th February 2024

This was seconded by Cllr England and agreed by the council.

8 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REFERRALS

There were no referrals from Overview & Scrutiny.

9 CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Cllr Williams advised Cllr Walker was to replace Cllr Silwal on The Development Management Committee.

10 CHANGE TO COMMITTEE DATES

CHAIRMAN

Cllr Tindall Advised that the Strategic Planning Overview & Scrutiny Committee planned for the 10th July would be moving to the 9th of July.

The Meeting ended at 8.06 pm

CHAIRMAN