

SELECT COMMITTEE

15 July 2020

Present – The Chair (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brown, Hull, Jaquin, Mercer, Metcalfe, Moorby, Shuttleworth and Solloway.

Officers – CIO & Assets and Commercial Services, Democratic Services Manager and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

In attendance: Lead Member for Internal Services, Councillor Brockbank.

Apologies for Absence –

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sutcliffe, Pighills and Harbron.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 8.15pm

Confirmation of Minutes –

The minutes of the meeting held 19 February 2020 were approved as a correct record.

Public Participation –

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Declarations of Interest –

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes for Report

OS.449

Review of Members' IT

The CIO & Assets and Commercial Services submitted a report, which outlined the Members' IT equipment solution.

Members were reminded of the accepted solution at the 3 June Select Committee Working Group Meeting and Members were pleased to note that training documentation had been adapted.

Feedback was given in relation to the pilot conducted from the CIO & Assets and Commercial Services and Councillors Brockbank and Solloway. Councillors Brockbank and Solloway reported the ease of use and helpful new remote support available. The provision of a second screen proved to be useful during Zoom Committee meetings, in particular, Planning Committee (to view large plans). With approval from Councillors Brockbank and Solloway, IT Services purchased and subsequently built the laptops. Members noted that 13 Councillors had already booked slots to collect their new laptop and complete their brief training session with IT Officers.

Members commended IT Services for their hard work and the swift transition to the new solution during this current climate.

Resolved – That subject to the above amendment the proposed approach was approved.

OS.450

Select Committee Annual Report 2019-20

The Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer submitted a report which presented the Select Committee Annual Report for 2019-20. Members were reminded that the Select Committee's Annual Report provided a summary of key work and achievements throughout the year together with areas of ongoing work and potential areas for review.

It was suggested that the Annual Report included reference to the positive work undertaken by North Yorkshire Police in local communities. Councillor Metcalfe agreed to assist with updating the document, particularly in terms of highlighting the role of local bodies and partners. Members were pleased with the document presentation and suggested the report was publicised in the Craven Herald.

Resolved – That the Select Committee Annual Report for 2019-20 is approved, subject to the above minor amendments.

OS.451

Work Schedule

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report which presented a draft work schedule for the 2020/21 municipal year.

Members considered a number of proposed items, particularly focussing on building control, affordable housing, emergency planning and the Council's response to Covid-19.

After a lengthy discussion Members agreed to focus on building control and the Council's response to Covid-19 as the main areas for review.

Members also agreed to schedule an additional Select (Crime and Disorder Committee) meeting in September (to take place immediately prior to the Select Committee meeting on Wednesday, 9 September 2020).

Resolved – That subject to the above amendments, the work schedule is approved.

Minutes for Decision

There were no items for decision.

Chairman.