

COUNCIL

Tuesday, 7 December 2010

Present: Councillor Ken Ball (Mayor), Councillor Pat Case (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Nora Ball, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Alistair Bradley, Terry Brown, Henry Counce, Alan Cullens, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Christopher France, Anthony Gee, Peter Goldsworthy, Marie Gray, Alison Hansford, Pat Haughton, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Keith Iddon, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Laura Lennox, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Simon Moulton, Mick Muncaster, Beverley Murray, Mark Perks, Alan Platt, Debra Platt, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Edward Smith, Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker, Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson

11.C.150 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Judith Boothman, Magda Cullens and Dennis Edgerley.

11.C.151 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest by any Members in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting.

11.C.152 MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 2 November 2010 be confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

11.C.153 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor asked Members to join him in supporting his Charity Christmas raffle and Christmas card donation appeal. He also referred to his Charity Ball which would take place on Friday, 4 February 2011 in the Lancastrian Suite.

The Mayor and Mayoress wished all those present a happy Christmas and healthy new year.

11.C.154 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There had been no requests from any member of the public to speak at the meeting on any of the agenda items.

11.C.155 REFRESH OF THE CORPORATE STRATEGY 2010/11 TO 2013/14

The Executive Member for Policy and Performance, Councillor Greg Morgan, presented a report proposing a revised Corporate Strategy for 2010/11 to 2013/14. The Corporate Strategy is the key document in the Council's Corporate business planning process and helps deliver the Council's vision, priorities, strategic outcomes and targets.

The revised Corporate Strategy had been refreshed in the light of recent changes made to the Sustainable Community Strategy which had been subject to extensive consultation with residents, Members and partners.

The report summarised the changes proposed including:

- a change to the Council's vision statement;
- changes in the Council's priorities to match those in the Sustainable Community Strategy;
- changes to the strategic objectives and long term outcomes with nine strategic objectives setting out how the Council will reach its priorities and vision;
- a reduced number of measures but with a greater focus on the long term with targets based on the latest performance to ensure the Council remains top performing.

Members debated the provisions within the Corporate Strategy with comments raised about town centre floorspace; healthy lifestyle; the new NHS Commissioning Board; targets for volunteering; older people and physical activity; winter maintenance in the Town Centre; and PCSO provision. Members were advised that the Council was awaiting details of the financial settlement for 2011/12 and therefore delivery of the Strategy would be dependent on the funding made available by central government.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Peter Wilson and seconded by Councillor Alistair Bradley:

“that two new measures be included under You and Your Family

- a target of 22.6% by 2012 for older people volunteering; and
- to seek year on year increases in the rate of physical activity in older people.”

A recorded vote was requested and taken:

For: N Ball, J Berry, A Bradley, T Brown, C France, A Gee, C Hoyle, H Khan, R Lees, L Lennox, A Lowe, M Lowe, J Molyneaux, B Murray, J Snape, R Snape, P Wilson and K Ball.

Against: E Bell, P Case, H Caunce, A Cullens, M Devaney, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, P Goldsworthy, M Gray, A Hansford, P Haughton, H Heaton, K Iddon, K Joyce, P Malpas, G Morgan, S Moulton, M Muncaster, M Perks, A Platt, D Platt, G Russell, R Russell, E Smith, J Walker and S Walsh.

The amendment was LOST.

A further four amendments, proposed by Councillor Alistair Bradley and seconded by Councillor Peter Wilson were put forward for improving Chorley:

- “1. In order to deliver a Safer Cleaner Chorley, the Council will guarantee funding of PCSOs to at least the current level plus annual inflation cost, the restitution of the Alley Gate Scheme, increased street cleaning and the additional gritting of Town and Village Centres. (4, 5, 6)
2. In order to encourage strong family and respectful communities, the Council will re-instate the key project to promote and support an action plan to increase volunteering. (1, 5)
3. To increase Health and Family Support the Council will re-instate the targets relating to Young and Older Person engagement in physical activity, as a minimum line with previous targets. (1, 3, 4)
4. To help secure a Vibrant Local Economy, a key project be undertaken to secure more inward investment in particular for start-up businesses. (7)”

The four amendments were put to the vote en bloc and LOST.

A further amendment, proposed by Councillor Alistair Bradley and seconded by Councillor Peter Wilson was put forward for improving the Council:

“In order to be seen as an excellent community leader – broadcast Council meetings via the internet, thereby making the decision making process available to all and increasing community engagement.”

The amendment was put to the vote and LOST.

The Executive Leader, Councillor Peter Goldsworthy proposed, the Executive Member for Policy and Performance, Councillor Greg Morgan seconded, and it was **RESOLVED – That the Corporate Strategy for 2010/11 to 2013/14 be approved as circulated with the agenda.**

Mayor