

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held on Monday, 18 July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth

Members of the Policy and Resources Committee:-

Councillors:

Sarah Nelmes (Chair)
Paul Rainbow
Stephen Cox
Chris Lloyd
Reena Ranger
Andrew Scarth
Roger Seabourne

Stephen Giles-Medhurst (Vice-Chair)

Phil Williams
Philip Hearn
Keith Martin
Abbas Merali
Ciaran Reed

Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive Monday, 11 July 2022

The Council welcomes contributions from Members of the public to aid discussions on agenda items at the Policy and Resources Committee meetings. Details of the procedure are provided below:

For those wishing to speak:

Members of the public are entitled to register and identify which item(s) they wish to speak on from the published agenda for the meeting. Those who wish to register to speak are asked if they could contact the Committee team by e-mail (CommitteeTeam@threerivers.gov.uk) 48 hours before the meeting. Registering 48 hours before the meeting allows the Committee Team time to prepare the speaker sheet in advance of the meeting.

Please note that contributions will be limited to no more than three minutes.

In the event of registering your interest to speak on an agenda item but not taking up that right because the item is deferred, you will be given the right to speak on that item at the next meeting of the Committee.

Those wishing to observe the meeting are requested to contact the Committee Team by

email at CommitteeTeam@threerivers.gov.uk 48 hours in advance of the meeting taking place.

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The Policy and Resources Committee meeting will not be broadcast/livestreamed but an audio recording of the meeting will be made.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 24)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 13 June 2022 and the two Extraordinary Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 12 July 2022.

3. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

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5. MEMBER TRAINING

(Pages 25 - 32)

The purpose of the report is to recommend a framework for Member Training for 2022/23 to the P&R Committee.

To determine that the Council do not sign up to the Member Charter but look to work towards achieving its standards.

To agree to add the Equalities on line training module to the other 3 mandatory training modules (Safeguarding Children, Safeguarding Adults and Prevent.)

To consider whether training on specialised areas set out in Paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of the report should be considered for all Members.

6. EQUALITIES OBJECTIVES REVIEW

(Pages 33 - 40)

The public sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Act) came into force on 5 April 2011. The Equality Duty applies to Three Rivers District Council. It requires the Council to consider how different people will be affected by its activities, helping it to deliver policies and services which are efficient and effective; accessible to all; and which meet different people's needs. The Equality Duty is supported by specific duties, set out in regulations which came into force on 10 September 2011. The specific duties require the Council to prepare and publish one or more specific and measurable equality objectives. We published our first set of objectives in March 2012.

This report recommends new objectives which will cover the period from 2022-2026 and includes highlights of work undertaken across the Council which contributed to the delivery of the previous objectives. Objectives must be published at least every four years.

This report includes, findings from a public consultation held on the proposed objectives.

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7. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND 2022-25

(Pages 41 - 48)

In February 2022 HMG Levelling Up, White Paper was published, which sets out how opportunity will be spread more equally across the UK.

In order to support the ambitions of the Levelling Up Paper, the Government has allocated £2.6bn through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) over 3 years. Three Rivers District Council has been awarded £1m for 2022-25.

In order to access the 2022-25 allocation of funding, Three Rivers District Council is required to submit a Local Investment Plan, by 1 August 2022, outlining those local priorities that the Council wishes to focus on. The Investment Plan will include a high level outline of the interventions and investments that the funding will prioritise, together with an overview of the expected outputs and outcomes.

This report makes recommendations for the allocation of the funding within Three Rivers which if agreed will then be used to develop the required Investment Plan.

8. IMPACT OF INFLATION ON THE COUNCIL

(Pages 49 - 56)

To receive a report.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages 57 - 62)

To receive the Committee's Work Programme.

10. OTHER BUSINESS - if approved under item 3 above

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

"that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972

the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

12. SOUTH OXHEY PROPERTY MATTER - RELEASE OF TITLE RESTRICTION

To determine the report and confirm approval to the release of a title restriction.

1. OTHER BUSINESS - IF APPROVED UNDER ITEM 3 ABOVE

To receive any declarations of interest.

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