

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Policy and Oversight Board Minutes



Monday 20 June 2022

PRESENT

Committee members: Councillors Lisa Homan (Chair), Jacolyn Daly, Natalia Perez, Helen Rowbottom, Nikos Souslous, Nicole Trehy, Rory Vaughan and Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler

Officers: Emily Hill (Director of Finance) and Matthew Sales (Assistant Director, Programmes and Assurance)

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2022/23

Councillor Lisa Homan welcomed members to the first meeting of the Board. She said it presented a great opportunity to strategically develop and drive policy. The membership consisted of all the Policy and Accountability Committee (PAC) chairs and would help feed into each cycle of the PACs.

Councillor Rory Vaughan was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor Natalia Perez and seconded by Councillor Jacolyn Daly. It was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED

That the Councillor Rory Vaughan be appointed as Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2022/23.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. WORK PLANNING AND PRIORITISATION

Emily Hill (Director of Finance) and Matthew Sales (Assistant Director, Programmes and Assurance) presented the report which set out the remit of the Board to develop key strategic cross-cutting policies, to scope and prioritise work programme items for

consideration at subsequent meetings. Emily Hill clarified that the Board mirrored corporate scrutiny specifically to consider forward looking policy development.

Members explored what work items that could be included and the option of receiving a single sheet summary of their respective committees following each cycle of meetings. A list of various strategies and commissions were requested from officers to monitor how this aligned with the corporate plan. It was understood that work planning items would be consider by the committee in a draft work programme and members discussed items that could be submitted to the next meeting.

ACTIONS:

1. List of the various strategies and commissions that are current and those expected to be reviewed; and how this aligned with the corporate plan.
2. That strategic cross cutting themes be identified for inclusion in the long list of work items.
3. Digital inclusion to be identified as cross cutting theme and that this be included in the committee’s work programme, particularly focusing on the post covid-19 recovery and how digital poverty had impacted on residents excluding more communities from digital resources.
4. Cost of living was an area of ongoing work that is currently being managed in different departments and a cross cutting theme, to be included in the work programme.
5. To review the timing of financial strategies and when these could be programmed into the PAC cycle.

5. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting was scheduled for the 12th of September 2022.

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 7.17 pm

Chair

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