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Minutes

Meeting of : Services Committee
Date : 3 September 2018
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6:30 pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr S Hocking

Vice Chair: S Berry

Cllrs: C Corbin, K Daley, M Dean, J Farquhar, A Foster, S Jackson,
J Lindley, F Moody, J Nettle, M Osment and J Walsh

Officers: Annie Child

522. Apologies:

Cllr Dalton gave his apologies.
Cllr Hoque gave his apologies and was substituted by Cllr Berry.
Cllr Rogers gave his apologies and was substituted by Cllr Nettle.
Cllr Sirman gave her apologies and was substituted by Cllr Lindley.

523. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions submitted from the public.

524. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

Cllr Dalton submitted a written statement which is attached to these minutes and read out by the Clerk.
The statement was not debated in any detail and Cllr Dalton will be provided with a written answer in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

525. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Services Committee held on 25 June 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

526. Declarations of Interest:

No Declarations of Interest were received.

527. Dispensations:

No Dispensations were requested.

528. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcements:

528.1. There will be road closures on Sun 7 Oct 2018 due to the Salisbury Half Marathon. Details will be circulated to councillors for their information.

529. City Grant - Monitoring Report:

The City Clerk briefed Councillors on the City Grants Report regarding the St Thomas's Festival of Flowers, Art and Music. It was:

Resolved to

529.1. Note the City Grant Fund Monitoring for the St Thomas' Festival of Flowers, Art and Music.

530. Terms of Reference:

The Committee considered Terms of Reference (TOR) for 4 working groups – the Business Working Group, the Environment Working Group, the Communities Working Group and the New Cemetery Working Group. Following some discussion, it was

Resolved to

530.1. Approve the TORS for these groups noting that the quorum for these meetings will be 3, substitutes are encouraged and the notes will be circulated to working group members only. The TORS will be amended to reflect these matters.

The notes of working groups are available to all councillors on request.

531. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be discussed as a matter of urgency for information only. Please note that the Council cannot lawfully consider or determine any matter which is not specified on the Agenda of this summons.

There was 4 member of the public and 1 member of the press present.

The meeting closed at 1900.

Statement from Cllr Dalton to Services Committee 3 Sep 2018

A statement from me for services tomorrow. I expect no debate as I'm away as you know on holiday, but do expect a written answer within the stated time, Thanks.

"This council is run by a committee structure, not by a cabinet system which I understand is not permitted for the city council, i.e committees make decisions, not any one single cllr.

Each committee has delegated powers, which no leader or chairman is able to halt, once that committee makes it's decision under those powers.

After much debate, the last meeting of the Services Cttee in June made a delegated decision to close the info centre at the Guildhall, and move it to Shopmobility. That was a choice by the Tory group, by 8 votes to 5. I did not support this move and was one of the 5, voting against.

At the same meeting, It also recommended to F&G for up to £35k funding to upgrade the new 'Hub'. That committee eventually, confusingly and rudely, voted to support the recommendation from Services Committee, for the funding.

I believe it is not lawful for the leadership to delay a committee decision. Only the Services committee has that power, in this instance, and can only do so after six months has lapsed.

Just what other future committee decisions will be delayed because the leadership does not like them? After all, it was the administration who supported this anyway at committee back in June! You should just hold your hands up in the first place and admit you got it wrong. Not by announcing a delay, to a delegated decision until the spring, when no change was going to be implemented until then anyway. The council looks incompetent, and no one member has such authority to announce any delay.

When will the delegated decision be implemented, or will it go back to Services to be rescinded?"