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Meeting	Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee
Date	10 May 2021
Present	Councillors Crawshaw (Chair), Fenton (Vice-Chair), Hunter, Hollyer, Kilbane, Rowley, Musson, Pearson and Cullwick (Substitute)
Apologies	Councillors Mason

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The Chair confirmed this was not a formal meeting of this Scrutiny Committee. The Council is operating its scrutiny and decision making meetings in accordance with statutory requirements relating to holding 'Covid-safe' meetings between 7 May and 21 June 2021.

#### **91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At this point in the meeting, the Chair invited Members to declare any personal, pecuniary or prejudicial interests, which they had not already included in their standing register of interests. None were declared.

#### **92. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2021 were approved, to be signed by the Chair as a correct record at a later date.

#### **93. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

#### **94. UPDATE ON THE CORPORATE PROJECT MANAGEMENT APPROACH**

Members received an overview from the Director of Economy and Place on the continuation of the regular updates, and accessibility of the report for transparency and scrutiny in regards to significant expenditure, with clarification on the following:

- All major projects going through 'All About Projects' framework from Government Green Book Guidance.
- Currently approximately 20 projects.
- The qualifications of a major project.
- Challenges around project management.
- RAG rating system during project development.
- The Housing ICT programme resolution moving it from red to amber or green in the next report.

In response to Member's questions it was confirmed:

- RAG report is monthly.
- Resourcing issues around talent and skillset.
- Redeployment of project managers and teams during the pandemic community recovery, and the impact on resourcing.
- Financial limitations on recruitment.
- Skills within organisation being split between two projects have resulted in priority given to one project in order to balance resource demand.
- Strategic Board monitored the revised Government arrangements for York Central and the effectiveness of governance through partnerships.
- Awaiting feedback of public enquiry and Stopping Up Order, advisors opening up communication with local residents.
- The conditions of the grant funding and potential implications of Stopping Up Order.
- The need for reassessment on RAG rating in regards to the Stopping Up Order and grant funding implications.
- The regulatory and contractual outlines of CYC and York Central's project delivery.
- The initiation stages of the Library Investment Programme.
- The process of public consultation and land negotiations for Outer Ring Road (A1237).
- Delaying the statutory consultation period for City Centre Access for one month to ensure wider engagement with relevant groups.
- The incoming resources and timeline for the Local Plan.
- Housing ICT programme in time for November go-live.

- Potential addition of performance management within the project, to report timescales and delays.
- Trends in increasing construction costs due to pandemic and EU restrictions to be reviewed with cost estimates for all project risk registers.
- Secured letting contract for Guildhall and awaiting remarketing of restaurant space.

RESOLVED: That the updates from the Director of Economy and Place be noted.

REASON: To keep the Committee updated on Corporate Project Management and major projects across City of York Council.

[Adjournment 18:52 – 18:59]

## 95. **MONITORING AND TRACKING OF APPROVED COUNCIL MOTIONS**

Members received an overview of Approved Council Motions since October 2018 from the Head of Civic and Democratic Services which included:

- Current tracking from CMT following approval and allocation.
- Annual report through CMT.
- Monitoring sum of Scrutiny recommendations.

In response to Member's questions it was confirmed:

- In-depth detail of information around the outcome was suggested necessary for accountability.
- No constitutional requirement for the committee to monitor the report.
- A preference for a bi-annual report from CMT or Democratic Services to be reviewed within this committee, or within Audit and Governance.

RESOLVED: That CSMC would like to recommend to Executive a regular update provided for tracking Council Motions.

REASON: To ensure there is a public forum for transparency of the implementation process of approved council motions.

**96. WORK PLAN 2019/20**

Members were informed that all Scrutiny forums in June are to be held remotely and will focus on their upcoming annual Work Plan and the commissioned scrutiny slots.

The corporate calendar for July onwards will follow the government guidance and expect face to face meetings to return.

RESOLVED: That the Chair's update of June forums focusing on the Work Plan be noted.

REASON: To ensure that the work plan and commissioned scrutiny slots are in place for the upcoming year.

Councillor J Crawshaw, Chair  
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.29 pm].