

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Governance, Audit and Finance Board held on 5 February 2019

Present

Councillor Kennett (Chairman)

Councillors P Bains, Briggs, Crellin, Hart, Rees, Robinson and Wade

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor: Pike

46 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Shimbart and Smith.

47 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Briggs declared a pecuniary interest in that part of the Budget Panel's Report (Minute 48) relating to Norse SE as he was Director of that Joint Venture Company.

48 Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing to report.

49 Budget 2019/20

The Deputy Leader of the Council was invited to take part in the Board's discussions and answer questions raised by the members of the Board.

The Budget Scrutiny Panel's Budget Scrutiny 2018/19 Report

The Scrutiny Board considered a report from the Budget Scrutiny and Policy Development Panel, setting out its findings and recommendations following a scrutiny of the 2018/19 budget.

The Board endorsed the recommendations of the Panel.

Draft Proposals for the Revenue, Capital Budget and Business Plans 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2023/24

The Board was also given an opportunity to consider and comment upon the draft budget proposals.

The Board endorsed the recommendations set out in Agenda Item 5 (Revenue, Capital Budget and Business Plans 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2023/24) subject to the budget being amended to accommodate the Panel's recommendations relating to the publication of Serving You.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) that the Cabinet be recommended to adopt the recommendations of the Budget Scrutiny Panel; and
- (b) a trend analysis of staffing costs as a proportion of the Council's overall annual budget over the past five years be submitted for scrutiny by the Budget Scrutiny Panel.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 5.35 pm

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Chairman