

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH at 10.45am on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

Present:

Cllr K Bentley	(Chairman)
Cllr D Madden	
Cllr M Mackrory	
Cllr R Gooding	(substitute for Councillor Susan Barker)

The following officers were present in support throughout the meeting:

Gemma Bint	Democratic Services Officer
Paul Turner	Director, Legal and Assurance

1. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest.

The report of Membership, Apologies and Declarations of Interest was received, and it was noted:

1. There had been no changes in membership since the Committee's last meeting;
2. Apologies of absence were received by Councillor Finch and Councillor Barker for whom Councillor Gooding was substituting.
3. There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Approval for Officer Foreign Travel to the Netherlands

The Committee considered an application (FTC/03/20) for three officers (John Meehan, Head of Sustainability & Resilience, Rosalyn Bayes, Senior Sustainability & Resilience Officer and Aleksandar Bogdanov, Environment Project Officer) to travel to Delft, Netherlands to attend a SPONGE 2020 partnership meeting from 31 March to 03 April 2020, at a total estimated cost of £1,125. It was noted that 60% of costs will be recovered by the EU grant.

John Meehan was in attendance and, at the invitation of the Chairman, introduced the report and provided further information to the Committee.

The committee suggested that travel by Eurostar rather than by air should be considered for future meetings due to the environmental benefits.

It was clarified that our withdrawal from the European Union did not affect the EU grant funding.

Resolved:

That the travel to the Netherlands by three officers to attend a SPONGE 2020 partnership meeting from 31 March to 03 April 2020, at a total estimated cost of £1,125 (60% of costs to be recovered by the EU grant), be approved.

4. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Tuesday 17 March 2020 at 10.15am, or on the rise of the Cabinet meeting due to take place that morning, whichever is the later.

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Chairman
17 March 2020