

**Cabinet**  
**Wednesday 5 September 2018**

**Comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission**  
**at its meeting on Monday 3 September 2018**  
**OSC/274**

**1. Cabinet Agenda Item 7 – Corporate Priorities 2018-2022**

**Comments and Recommendations**

The Commission considered report CEX/48 of the Chief Executive.

Councillors made the following comments:

- Support for the work of neighbourhood forums, although it was acknowledged that there were different levels of engagement in various areas of the town.
- Clarity provided on delivering value for money and income generation opportunities.
- Recognition that work had commenced developing the organisation and staff, defining the culture and being clear about values and expectations.
- General support for the document, setting out the strategic direction as requested by officers, partners and residents. However, it was suggested by some Members that within Section 2 (*Delivering affordable homes for Crawley and reducing homelessness*) there should be an explicit reference to a Duty to Co-operate with other local authorities to deliver housing for CBC residents as reflected in the Local Plan, thus acknowledging the principle that local planning authorities should work collaboratively to ensure that strategic priorities across local authority boundaries are properly coordinated. It was suggested the Cabinet be requested to consider this addition.

**RESOLVED**

That the Commission welcomed the report but requested the Cabinet incorporate explicit reference to a 'Duty to Co-operate with other local authorities to ensure neighbouring authorities deliver our housing needs' within Section 2.

**2. Cabinet Agenda Item 8 – 2018/2019 Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1**

The Commission considered report FIN/449 of the Head of Corporate Finance.

During the discussion, the following points were expressed:

- Confirmation that robust budget monitoring systems were in place. However there was an acknowledgement that there was a need to work more efficiently and develop new ways of working.
- Recognition of the five year business plan for Tilgate Park and Nature Centre currently underway, to result in a self-financing position by 2020/21. Support for other parks within the town to benefit from publicity and/or investment.
- Explanations were provided in relation to various costings within the HRA and capital programme. It was recognised that due to the long timescale of capital projects the report provided a quarterly update, without specific detailing.

**RESOLVED**

That the Commission agreed to support the recommendations to the Cabinet.

**Councillor Chris Cheshire**  
**Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Commission**  
**3 September 2018**