

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON
ON 26 OCTOBER 2016**

Present: Councillor A McCarthy (Chairman)
Councillors: M Banner, J Greenslade, MH Greenslade,
D Nowell, M Pearce, S Rydzkowski
Apologies for absence: Councillors M Creaghan, D Hill, B Maher, P Wright

FG21 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

FG22 Minutes

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

FG23 Review of Neighbourhood Boards

The Committee considered an email from the Council’s Executive Portfolio holder for Culture, Leisure and Community on a review of the Council’s Neighbourhood Area Boards. The review would look at the current operational arrangements including the role and membership of the boards and their connection with local partnership and democratic structures. It would also look at how the boards are managed and supported, including the resources required to run them effectively and the funding they allocate to support community initiatives. The review would also compare the work in Warrington with good practice in other parts of the country. Comments were invited by December 2016 and it was intended to share any proposals by March 2017.

Members commented on the valuable work of the East Board in providing a means of communication with the Borough Council, especially for volunteers carrying out work in the community. This extended to the community meetings that gave an opportunity for the public to receive information and to give their views on services and other issues:

Recommended,
That the questionnaire be completed giving the views of members in support of the retention and development of neighbourhood boards.

FG24 Development of website

The Clerk reported on progress made regarding the development of the website. Assistance was being provided by the software supplier:

Recommended,
That the report be noted.

FG25 Business raised by Council Members

No items were submitted.

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