

Minutes of the **General Purposes Committee**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Virtually from Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover,
Hampshire, SP10 3AJ
on 4 November 2020 at 4.00 pm

Attendance:

Councillor K Hamilton (Chairman) **Councillor K North (Vice-Chairman)**

Councillor N Adams-King
Councillor D Baverstock
Councillor M Cooper
Councillor S Cross
Councillor A Dowden

Councillor M Flood
Councillor I Jeffrey
Councillor R Meyer
Councillor P North

Also in attendance

Councillor I Andersen
Councillor T Burley

Councillor D Coole

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Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

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Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 26 August 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

240 **Annual Health and Safety Performance Report 2019 - 2020**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environmental Services which summarised significant health and safety management activities over a twelve month period (April 2019 to March 2020) covering key achievements, council-wide statistics and developments for the year ahead. The report also demonstrated the Council's compliance with its statutory responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and subsequent regulations.

The Council's Health and Safety function had delivered on its objectives during the year including;

- A positive response from the annual health and safety audit questionnaire, with fewer outstanding actions indicating greater compliance with health and safety policies and procedures.
- A number of safety training courses undertaken during the period which included training for senior management.
- Although not directly attributed to the corporate health and safety function, the implementation of body worn cameras for the CEOs which had reduced the severity of parking 'road-rage' incidents.

The approval of the Annual Health and Safety Report 2019-2020 would fulfil the Council's obligation to health and safety legislation and would reinforce its commitment to following HSE best practice guidance.

Resolved:

That the Annual Health and Safety Report 2019-2020 be approved.

(The meeting terminated at 4.38 pm)