

ROCHDALE SOUTH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday 11th June 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Zaman (Chair); Councillors Shakil Ahmed, Daalat Ali, Brett, Howard, Meredith, Rashid, Sheerin, Smith, Sullivan, Wraighte and Zaheer

OFFICERS: V. White (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and A. James (Resources Directorate)

APOLOGIES

31 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Farnell, Councillor Hornby and Councillor Nickson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

32 There were no declarations of interest.

ITEMS FOR EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

33 There were no items for the private Agenda.

MINUTES

34 Resolved:

That the Minutes held of the meeting of Rochdale South Township Committee, held on 27th February 2020, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

ROCHDALE SOUTH TOWNSHIP DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

35 The Township Committee considered a report of the Director of Resources that requested that Members confirm their delegated decision making arrangements and make appointments to the Township Sub-Committees, including the Chairs, Vice Chairs and substitute members; the appointment of "lead" opposition spokespersons; and the appointment to other bodies.

Alternatives considered:

The Committee could choose not to appoint Sub-Committees and undertake all delegated functions themselves, however this could have a detrimental impact on the ability to progress Township priorities or to deal with urgent items of business. The Committee could also, if it chose to do so, adopt alternative Sub-Committee arrangements.

Resolved:

1. The proposed Sub-Committee structure of the Rochdale South Township Committee comprising of the Rochdale South Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee and the terms of reference, as outlined at Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be approved;
2. Members be appointed as follows: –
 - (a) Rochdale South Township Action and Resources Sub-Committee:
Councillors – Mohammed Zaman (Chair), Wraighte (Vice Chair), Shakil

Ahmed, Hornby, Meredith, Nickson, Rashid, Angela Smith, Sullivan and Zaheer.

Substitute Members - Councillors Daalat Ali, Brett, Farnell, Howard and Sheerin;

The opposition spokesperson be Councillor Sullivan;

(b) The relevant Ward Councillors be appointed to attend their respective Ward Forum;

(c) Rochdale Regeneration Group – All Members of the Rochdale South Township Committee to be invited to attend meetings

(d) Township Older Persons Champion – Councillor Zaman;

(g) Township Young Persons Champion – Councillor Meredith;

(h) Rochdale South Township Planning Panel – All members of the Rochdale South Township Committee to be invited to attend meetings - except those Members who have also been appointed to the Council's Planning and Licensing Committee

(3) Any amendments to the appointments be delegated to the Chair of the Rochdale South Township Committee to determine.

Reasons for the decision:

The Council has established and appoints Township Committees that may exercise both executive and non-executive powers as set out in the Responsibility for Council Functions in Part 3 of the Constitution, which states that: appointments to Township Sub-Committees, Township Working Parties, Partnership Arrangements and Local Outside Bodies shall be made at the first meeting of the appropriate Township Committee in the new Municipal Year'.

The Sub-Committee exercises either delegated powers or acts on any matter detailed in the Committee's Terms of Reference on which it is essential to take a decision.

ROCHDALE SOUTH TOWNSHIP FUNDS REVIEW

36 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods that asked Members to approve the Rochdale South Township Funds' terms and conditions, and to agree delegation arrangements concerning funding decisions.

Alternatives considered:

In considering the report, the Committee's Members were asked to decide whether or not to approve the allocation of funds to funding streams and to adopt appropriate terms and conditions.

Resolved:

1. The Committee notes the expenditure, commitments and balances for Rochdale South Township revenue and capital funds at financial year end 2018/19 (as outlined at Appendix 1 and 2 of the submitted report);

2. The Committee notes the findings of the review of Township Funds 2019/20 (as outlined at Appendix 3 of the submitted report);
3. The Committee approves the allocation of Rochdale South Township Funds to funding streams in 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 5 of the submitted report;
4. The Committee approves the terms and conditions for Rochdale South Township's revenue and capital funds for 2020/21 (as described at Appendix 6 of the submitted report).
5. The Committee authorises the delegation arrangements for Rochdale South Township Funds 2020/21 as detailed at 4.6 of the submitted report;
6. The Committee authorises any uncommitted/unspent funds be reallocated to a central revenue or capital funding stream as appropriate before the end of January 2021 to enable Members to spend/commit all Rochdale Township Funds during 2020/21 financial year;

Reasons for the decision:

The management of the Rochdale South Township Fund is a matter that is delegated to the Rochdale South Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub Committee to determine. Rochdale South Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities. The decision enables the Committee to monitor and review the use of the Rochdale South Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of those funds.