

Community and Wellbeing Policy Development Advisory Group
9 MARCH 2021

Present: Councillors: Tricia Youtan (Chairman), Andrew Baldwin, Chris Brown, Frances Haigh, Colin Minto, Roger Noel, Lynn Lambert, Kate Rowbottom, Jim Sanson and Belinda Walters

Apologies: Councillors: James Wright

21 **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting held on 19 January 2021 were received by the group.

22 **HOMELESS ACCOMMODATION PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION**

The Head of Housing and Community Services summarised a report regarding a Procurement Code exemption to remove the need to advertise for a contractor to provide temporary short-term accommodation for homeless residents for the financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23, up to but not exceeding a predetermined total spend.

23 **S106 FUNDS FOR SAXON WEALD**

The Head of Housing and Community Services provided a briefing on an application for Section 106 funding to support the delivery of additional rented homes at Eyles Close, Horsham.

A delegated authority report would progressed and published before the end of March 2021 for allocation in the current financial year.

24 **COVID - 19 UPDATE**

The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing provided an update regarding COVID-19 within the Horsham District.

COVID-19 cases had been decreasing since the end of December 2020.

As of 3 March 2021 there were 24 cases within Horsham District, the lowest in West Sussex.

The Government had announced the rollout of asymptomatic testing that would comprise of three strands: Institution/employer-led testing; Community testing; and Home testing/Community Collect. More information about these three strands would be announced in the coming month.

Vaccination targets across the district had been either met or exceeded.

COVID Response Hubs were undertaking constant reviews to adapt their models to better suit the need of individual areas.

25 **FORWARD PLAN EXTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY MATTERS AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO**

The Forward Plan Extract was noted by the group.

The meeting closed at 6.48 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN