HULL AND GOOLE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Wednesday 11th March 2020

(The meeting was held in Room 80, the Guildhall, Kingston upon Hull)

PRESENT: -

Councillors; Vickers (Deputy Chair, in the Chair), Chaytor, Fareham, Handley and Coultish.

IN ATTENDANCE: -

Laurence Dettman (Chief Port Health Inspector), Annemarie Hamil (Chief Administrative Officer), Alison Gill (Senior Finance Officer, Hull City Council) and Jordan Scott (Assistant Democratic Services Officer, Hull City Council).

APOLOGIES: -

Councillors Brady (Chair), Briggs, Collinson, Chambers and Pantelakis.

| Minute **No.** | Report **No.** | Business |
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| 1728 |  | **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items that follow below. |
| 1729 |  | **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2019**  **Agreed** - That, the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair. |
| 1730 |  | **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - Update**  The Chief Port Health Inspector submitted a report which provided an update of his involvement in local emergency resilience relating to the global spread of the coronavirus and measures being taken by UK Government.  The Chief Port Health Inspector confirmed that he had received guidance from Public Health England and NHS and would deal with issues as and when required.  It was also confirmed that home working would be implemented for employees if required.  Members of the Board raised concerns around the P&O ferries continuing to operate as normal as it was confirmed that there is no facility on board to provide specialist medical help.  **Agreed-** That the report be noted. |
| 1731 |  | **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-2020**  The Chief Port Health Inspector submitted a report which informed the Board of (i) the Authority’s spending to the end of January, 2020, in comparison to the approved budget, and (ii) highlighted any anticipated variation to the budget for the full year.  **Agreed –** That the report be noted. |
| 1732 |  | **QUARTERLY SUMMERY REPORT NOVEMBER 2019- JANUARY 2020**  The Chief Port Health Inspector submitted a report which detailed the quarterly summary of the Authority’s work in respect of inspections; notifications, and investigations undertaken during the period November, 2018, to January, 2019.  **Agreed –** That the report be noted. |
| 1733 |  | **HULL BORDER CONTROL POST**  The Chief Port Health Inspector submitted a report which informed the Board of the progress made towards completion of the new Hull Border Control Post.  **Agreed –** That the report be noted. |
| 1734 |  | **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – REVIEW OF RISK ANALYSIS**  The Chief Port Health Inspector submitted a report which informed the Board of the outcome of a review of the Authority’s Risk Management Strategy and Risk Analysis carried out by the Chief Port Health Inspector.  **Agreed-** That the Board approves the revised Risk Management Strategy and Risk Analysis. |
| 1735 |  | **UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EU**  The Chief Port Health Inspector submitted a report to inform the Board of developments in relation to the formal withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and potential future impact on the Authority following the end of the transitional period on 31 December 2020.  **The Chief Port Health Inspector gave a presentation to the Board.**  The Chief Port Health Inspector raised concerns around the lack of Environmental Health Officers and resources, and informed the Board that an additional five, or more officers could be required to fulfil the requirements for imported EU food import controls at our ports after the transitional period.  The Chief Port Health Inspector continues to engage with the UK Border Delivery Group in this regard.  Members of the Board requested that a meeting be arranged between the Chief executives/ MP’s and Board members of Hull, East Riding and North Lincolnshire to discuss what is required and future steps for the Board.  **Agreed-**   1. That the Clerk arranges a meeting to discuss future steps for the Board; and, 2. That the update be noted. |