

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11th FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice-Chairman), and Councillor Mrs Patten

Labour Group

Councillor Bambrick, Councillor Mrs Heath and Councillor Pearson

OS/42 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. Hood (Conservative Group) and Councillor Mrs Mead (Labour Group).

OS/43 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd October 2014 and 10th December 2014 was taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/44 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee were informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/45 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee were informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/46 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee were informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/47 **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2015/16 AND PROPOSED RENT INCREASE**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services gave a presentation on the HRA's base budget position for 2015/16, the longer-term business plan, together with the proposed rent increase for 2015/16. This was based on the

report that was considered and agreed by the Housing and Community Services Committee on the 5th February 2015. The presentation provided additional detail about the self-financing framework, the HRA debt portfolio, capital investment and the New Build programme.

Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith gave an overview of some of the benchmarking taking place in Housing at the moment with regards to rent increases. No other substantive issues were raised.

The Director of Finance also confirmed that no substantive issues had been raised during the budget consultation period and that the General Fund position remained unchanged from that reported in January.

RESOLVED:-

That the report and presentation was noted.

OS/48 **CEMETERY PROVISION**

Councillor Atkin delivered a verbal update on the progress made so far and said a considerable amount of work had taken place, in particular over the last couple of months. The Culture & Community Manager is currently drafting the Survey, which will be sent out to the public in the next few weeks.

RESOLVED:-

That, a written report be presented at the next Committee meeting in March 2015.

OSC/49 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

OSC/50 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE No 11.**

The Committee were informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 6.35 p.m.

COUNCILLOR MRS. PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN