

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15th May 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Mrs. Mead and Pearson.

OS/36. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Mrs Patten (Conservative Group).

OS/37. **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 – REPORT ON USAGE**

The Committee received a report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) since February 2013. Members were reminded of the purpose of the legislation and recent changes to it. The Council had approved the amended RIPA Policy and Guidance document at its Meeting on 24th January 2013. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was authorised to review the Council's use of RIPA and for the period February to April 2013, there had been no authorisations requested for the use of these powers.

It was agreed to note the report.

OS/38. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2012/13**

Under Minute No. OS/32 of 27th March 2013, the Committee gave initial consideration to its Annual Report. Members feedback from that Meeting had been incorporated in to the updated document submitted. It was noted that some minor alterations were still required. Accordingly, delegated authority was sought for officers to finalise the Annual Report, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Group Lead Member. The Annual Report would then be submitted to the Annual Council Meeting.

The Committee approved the changes made to the document and the proposed delegation arrangements, as set out above, for the completion of the Annual Report.

OS/39. **ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW**

It was reported that a session was held earlier in the afternoon, to give consideration to the initial work programme for 2013/14. A draft work programme document was circulated for the Committee's consideration. Members requested that an update report on cemetery provision be submitted to the Meeting scheduled for 23rd October 2013.

The initial work programme for 2013/14 was then approved.

MRS. A. PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.15 p.m.