

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

27th March 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick and Bell.

OS/30. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Pearson (Labour Group).

OS/31. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 23rd January and 13th February 2013 were submitted. A Member referred under Minute No. OS/24 to the budget process and it was advised that only the accuracy of the Minutes could be discussed under this item. The Minutes were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/32. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2012/13**

The Committee was asked to give initial consideration to its Annual Report. Members commented on particular sections and requested minor alterations to the document. This would be updated for the Committee's Meeting in May, before being submitted to the Annual Council Meeting. In order to do this, delegated authority was sought for Officers to finalise the document in consultation with leading scrutiny Members.

It was agreed that the Annual Report be updated in line with Members' comments, that it be reconsidered at the Committee's Meeting in May, then be finalised by Officers in consultation with leading scrutiny Members and submitted to the Annual Council Meeting.

OS/33. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were reminded of the decisions reached at the previous Meeting regarding the annual review of the work programme and arrangements for a special Meeting on Crime and Disorder. The reasons for these Meetings being deferred were explained and it was proposed that they be rearranged for Wednesday, 15th May 2013. The Committee's views were also sought

regarding the topic for the Crime and Disorder scrutiny work. Members were reminded of the options submitted to the previous Meeting and the reasons why the selected topic, to look at the Council's Anti-social Behaviour Policy had been overtaken by recent developments. Discussions had taken place with colleagues at Derbyshire County Council, who were willing to give an update on the Police and Crime Commissioner and related Police and Crime Panel. Another area suggested was a review of Domestic Abuse Services raised previously and this was selected as the preferred topic for the Crime and Disorder Meeting with the update on the Police and Crime Commissioner being selected as a reserve topic.

With regard to the annual review of the work programme, feedback from the consultation exercise was reported. Suggestions for review areas had been received from The National Forest Company and the Coton-in-the-Elms and Hatton parish councils. Officers explained that the Elections review had been postponed as it formed part of the wider organisational review being undertaken. Finally, reference was made to the recent regional scrutiny meeting hosted by the Council and the thanks received.

The Committee approved the arrangements outlined above for the annual review of the work programme and the Special Meeting on Crime and Disorder.

MRS. A. PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.45 p.m.