

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Mrs Farrington (Chairman), Councillor Swann (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings and Mrs Coe.

**Labour Group**

Councillor Bambrick.

**In attendance**

Councillor Atkin (Conservative Group).

OS/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Patten (Conservative Group), and Dunn and Dr Pearson (Labour Group).

OS/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/3 **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/4 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURUSANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

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

OS/5 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURUSANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

OS/6 **REGULATION OF INVESTGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – POLICY & GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AND QUARTERLY REPORT**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Atkin, referring to surveillance activity carried out by the Environment Department, queried whether there was a requirement to inform Councillors. The Chief Executive confirmed that such activity needed to be covert at all levels and that the power to prosecute was delegated to specific officers within the Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

***1.1 Members approved the Council's Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 ('RIPA') Policy and Guidance document.***

***1.2 Members noted the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 in the last quarter.***

OS/7 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2015/16**

**RESOLVED:-**

***Members noted the Committee's Annual Report for 2015/16.***

OS/8 **SETTING THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17**

In discussing topics for inclusion, the Chairman suggested the Ambulance Service as a topic for inclusion in the programme, for a November meeting.

The Vice-Chairman proposed that Member training be considered as another topic, in particular the choice of provider, the relevance of the information being provided, the length of training and the presentation method(s). Councillor Billings also stated, in relation to the Planning Committee in particular, that whilst the Committee Members required more in depth knowledge, other Members required an overview, given that that they were occasionally required to attend that Committee as Ward Members. The Director of Community and Planning Services agreed to assist with this topic, suggesting February 2017 as a suitable time, before the 2017 training round commenced, a proposal accepted by Members.

The Chairman suggested that Committee Members be assigned topics from the Work Programme, to lead the Committee's review via workgroups. To this end, Councillor Billings agreed to lead on IT matters. Similarly, the Vice-Chairman will lead on the Recycling / Bulky Waste collections topics, the latter

allocated to the October and December 2016 meetings alongside Street Scene.

Councillor Mrs Coe queried whether there was an intention to again have external meetings of the Committee. The Chairman confirmed that this was the intention, from the October 2016 meeting, looking to make Dementia a lead topic at one meeting. It was also suggested that End of Life Care be a topic at another meeting, further details to be determined following a planned meeting with the Council's Health Partnership Manager.

**RESOLVED:-**

***Members considered and agreed the proposed Committee Work Programme for 2016/17.***

OS/9

**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 would be 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.***

**EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

The Meeting terminated at 6:35 pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN