

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21st March 2018

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Billings (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Wyatt (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin and Mrs Patten

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dr Pearson and Mrs Stuart

OS/60 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Coe (Conservative Group)

OS/61 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 17th January 2018 and 8th February 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/62 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee was informed that no declarations had been received.

OS/63 **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/64 **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/65 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – QUARTERLY REPORT ON USAGE**

RESOLVED:-

Members noted the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

OS/66 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2017/18**

The Chairman ran through various amendments to the annual report's text, agreed by the Committee.

RESOLVED:-

Members gave further consideration to the Committee's Annual Report for 2017/18 and agreed to delegate amendments to the Legal and Democratic Services Manager for the completion of the Annual Report.

OS/67 **WASTE COLLECTION & STREET SCENE BUDGETS 2018/19**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Committee.

Members discussed the additional Direct Services staffing recently approved by the Finance and Management Committee, additional training to enhance their flexibility, training budgets, the return to strimming, the procurement of new equipment and service standard statements to be addressed by the policy committees in the coming months.

The Chairman made reference to the continued growth in the District, suggesting it would be desirable to take a more proactive approach to the additional requirements the growth dictates, rather than a reactive one. The Strategic Director referred to a review currently being undertaken by the Direct Services Manager, the investment being made, including new IT systems being implemented, all aimed at enhancing the section's capability and service provision.

The Vice-Chairman raised the issue of grounds maintenance and liaison with parish council's in this respect. The Strategic Director confirmed that this matter was part of the review, acknowledging that liaison between the Council, parish council's and the County Council as to which body is responsible for maintaining which areas would be included.

Councillor Mrs Patten suggested that appropriate recommendations be submitted to the relevant policy committee, an action agreed by the Committee.

The Vice-Chairman queried the decision making process in relation to the procurement of equipment and whether Members could have an input. The Strategic Director stated that this was an operational matter, overseen by the Direct Services Manager.

RESOLVED:-

Members considered the proposed budget for Street Scene / Grounds Maintenance Services for 2018/19 and to make appropriate recommendations to Policy Committees to support policy and budget development.

OS/68 **SECTION 106 HEALTH ALLOCATIONS**

Due to the absence, through ill health, of the NHS Senior Primary Care Commissioning Manager, the matter was deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

OS/69 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

Agenda items for the Committee's next meeting were discussed and provisionally agreed. The annual scoping meeting was also discussed, at which Members would determine the topics for the 2018/19 municipal year.

RESOLVED:-

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/70 **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 6.25pm.

COUNCILLOR A BILLINGS

CHAIRMAN