

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31 August 2022

PRESENT: -

Labour Group

Councillor Bambrick (Chair) and
Councillors Gee and Stuart

Conservative Group

Councillors Hewlett and Muller

Independent Group

Councillor MacPherson

OS/11 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Atkin and Smith (Conservative Group).

OS/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

OS/13 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

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

OS/14 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

OS/15 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) REPORT ON USAGE**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report the Committee summarising the key points and sought approval for the recommendation.

RESOLVED:

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

OS/16 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive addressed the Committee regarding updates on Land Charges and the Redevelopment of Swadlincote Town Centre. It was noted that funding had been received to assist with recruitment and that a task force would be put in place to complete the work required for the transfer of Land Charges.

The Committee was informed that work on Delph was due to commence the following day and that Local Members had been on a visit and made suggestions to improve visibility of bollards.

Phase 1 works in relation to Bank House were outlined and it was noted that with Phase 2 which was the lighting for the outdoor space / parking area there was a sewer that needed to be diverted.

Members raised queries regarding work specifications, materials to be used – and drainage in relation to the Delph.

The Chief Executive advised the Committee the tender packs which would give information requested would be completed by the end of the week and once received specifications would be shared with Members. It was also noted that Chinese granite would be used due to its availability.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) addressed the Committee updating on other Work Programme items and advised the Committee that the Council had been unable to arrange for representation from the GP Service to attend the Committee which was due to a shortage of resources.

Members raised their concerns and frustrations regarding the shortage of doctors in the district. The Chair of the Committee proposed to write a letter to the Leader of the Council requesting an update on the situation and informing them that this was something that Overview and Scrutiny Committee was keen to move forward with.

Councillor MacPherson sought an update on staff working from home position and the current increase in energy prices.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) that there was plan for staff to return to the offices.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/17 **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.

OS/18 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

The Meeting terminated at 19:05 hours

COUNCILLOR S BAMBRICK

CHAIR