

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13th January 2021

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Hewlett (Chairman), Councillor Roberts (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin and Corbin.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Gee and Mrs Stuart.

In Attendance

Councillors Mrs. Brown, Churchill, Fitzpatrick, MacPherson, Richards, Shepherd and Mrs. Wheelton.

OS/26 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received.

OS/27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

Councillor Atkin and Councillor Bambrick declared interests in item OS/31 by virtue of being a County Councillors.

OS/28 **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/29 **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.

OS/30 **CHALLENGES FACING GP SURGERIES – NHS PRESENTATION**

The NHS representative, Clive Newman, delivered a presentation to Members on how General Practice had responded during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members raised questions about local surgeries and the processes for replacing and extending services in South Derbyshire and the cost associated for larger premises with extensive facilities. The NHS representative informed Members that a process for Section 106 funding had been developed and advised that it

would be a multi-million pounds cost to build a large surgery and that Section 106 funding would be a small part of the overall cost.

Members raised questions on the availability of General Practitioners for new facilities and the lead times for a GP appointments. The NHS representative clarified that whilst there as a nationwide shortage of qualified GPs, South Derbyshire was in a slightly better position and clarified that average waiting time for non-urgent appointments was 10-12 days.

The NHS representative agreed to share additional information and relevant NHS contact details with Members following the meeting.

OS/31 **CHALLENGES FACING VISION DERBYSHIRE – VERBAL UPDATE**

The Chief Executive advised Members that an update would be discussed at the Council meeting on Thursday, 14th January 2021 where all Members would have the benefit of taking part.

OS/32 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/33 **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 was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 19:40 hours.

CHAIRMAN