

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

OS/33 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Farrington, Mrs Patten (Conservative Group), Bambrick and Dunn (Labour Group)

OS/34 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/35 **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/36 **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/37 **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/38 **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/39 **RECYCLING**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services delivered a verbal presentation to the Committee regarding the streetscene, recycling and bulky waste collection services.

Members queried the frequency of grass cutting, parish council and developer responsibilities, resource deployment and roundabout maintenance. The Director stated that the warmer climate was resulting in a longer cutting season and that a more joined up approach was being implemented to make best use of the resources available. The Director confirmed that he and the relevant managers were assessing the options and costings, including the work they currently undertake on behalf of parish councils and the County Council, given the growth in developments across the District.

Councillor Billings also queried where queries relating to road issues should be directed. The Director stated that queries should initially be directed to towards the Direct Services Manager, who would confirm the correct responsible body if not the District Council.

OS/40 **TELECARE PROVISION**

The Housing Operations Manager gave a verbal presentation to Committee, outlining the current and proposed telecare provision within the District.

The Vice-Chairman noted the vital nature of this service and its importance in helping reduce hospital admissions. Future funding and home alterations were also discussed, aiming at helping individuals return home, releasing hospital beds. The level of presence in the community and the differing needs of individuals of differing age were also raised. The Housing Operations Manager confirmed that whilst staff operate the call centre 24 hours a day from Oaklands, often providing that re-assuring voice at the end of the line, other staff do make regular visits, helping address social isolation issues. He added that all policies in this area are currently being reviewed, including housing allocation.

OS/41 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17**

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

With regard to the proposed health panel public meeting in January, it was proposed that this be deferred to allow for the return of the Chairman and for the details to be further discussed and agreed.

**RESOLVED:-**

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

OS/42 **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 6.55pm.

COUNCILLOR SWANN

VICE-CHAIRMAN