<u>OPEN</u>

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

27th November 2019

PRESENT:-

<u>Conservative Group</u> Councillors Brady (Vice-Chairman), Atkin, Corbin and Dawson

Labour Group Councillors, Gee and Mrs Stuart

In Attendance

Councillors Mrs Brown and Shepherd

OS/29 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Hewlett (Chairman) (Conservative Group) and Councillors Bambrick (Labour Group).

OS/30 MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2019 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

OS/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

OS/32 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/33 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/34 RURAL BROADBAND (DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE) – Verbal Update

Apologies had been received from Digital Derbyshire. The Committee was informed that they have confirmed they will address the Committee with an update in the near future.

OS/35 SEVERN TRENT WATER – Verbal Update

Severn Trent Water delivered a comprehensive update regarding Drainage and Wastewater Management and Plans (DWMP) explaining what DWMPs are, looking at future challenges, the importance of working together with a variety of stakeholders and the adoption of Sustainable Drainage (SuDS).

Councillor Brown enquired about how Severn Trent's Flood Plans for high risk areas interacts with the Environment Agency's River Plan, and if people were able to sue Severn Trent if their properties are flooded. Severn Trent explained that the plans are built when needed with the strategic planning groups, which includes numerous stakeholders to investigate what is causing problems and if Severn Trent was found to be negligent then they could be sued.

Councillor Atkin raised concern that the current drainage system is not appropriate and enquired whether increasing pipe sizes had been considered. Severn Trent confirmed that this had been considered but managing the surface water is the solution.

Following discussions between Members it was agreed that the Chairman would invite the Head of the Local Flood Agency to attend a future Committee.

OS/36 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme including Annexe 'A'.

OS/37 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 7.25pm.

COUNCILLOR BRADY

VICE- CHAIRMAN