

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21st June 2017

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dr Pearson and Mrs Stuart

OS/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Patten (Conservative Group)

OS/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd March 2017 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

Councillor Mrs Coe declared an interest in Item 8 by virtue of being the Council's representative on Outside Bodies for Sharpe's Pottery Heritage & Arts Trust Ltd, Community Arts Project ("People Express") Management Committee, South Derbyshire Citizens Advice and Goseley Community Centre Committee.

Councillor Bambrick declared an interest in Item 8 by virtue of representing the Council for the Old Post Centre in Newhall.

OS/4 **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/5 **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/6 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – QUARTERLY REPORT ON USAGE**

The Director of Community and Planning Services outlined the report, emphasising that the usage of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) since 1st March 2017 was nil, and no authorisations had been requested or granted.

Councillor Atkin wished for it to be noted that a response to his query regarding the monitoring of body-worn cameras at the previous Committee Meeting on 22nd March 2017 had been received.

RESOLVED:-

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

OS/7 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2016/17**

Members were advised that the report had been presented to Council.

RESOLVED:-

Members noted the Committee's Annual Report for 2016/17.

OS/8 **REVIEW OF FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**

The Community Partnership Officer presented the report to Committee outlining details of the organisations in receipt of funding, the level of funding and how this is distributed. The Director of Community and Planning Services highlighted the importance of the Voluntary and Community Sector organisations to this Council, as they assist in the provision of services that Council's in other locations deliver themselves.

Members sought clarification on the criteria required in order to bid for funding. The Community Partnership Officer advised that funding provision is led by the County Council and matched by this Council. Members queried whether alternative groups in the community could also bid. The Director advised that he would liaise with South Derbyshire CVS to confirm the criteria.

Councillor Dr Pearson noted that the report outlined funding for 2016/17 and queried whether funds have been allocated for 2017/18. The Director responded that the current process would allocate the same budget as for 2016/17. Members discussed the adverse impact on two organisations in South Derbyshire as a result of the reduction in funding from the County Council and queried whether this Council could review their own allocation in view of the invaluable services provided by such organisations to South Derbyshire residents.

The Community Partnership Officer further advised that as Service Level Agreements with organisations are in place for three years, they are reviewed at each renewal stage. Councillor Dr Pearson noted this and further added that a schedule to periodically review such Service Level Agreements could assist in monitoring on an ongoing basis. Members discussed the option of reviewing services currently offered in line with the Corporate Plan and requested information on whether there are any alternative organisations which could be also considered as service providers.

RESOLVED:-

Members noted the information on support to voluntary and community sector organisations and requested a further report to this Committee to include information on any alternative organisations for consideration.

OS/7 **SETTING THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18**

RESOLVED:-

Members considered and agreed the proposed Committee Work Programme for the year 2017/18 with the inclusion of the additional report on Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations.

OS/9 **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 7.00pm.

COUNCILLOR SWANN

CHAIRMAN