

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11th December 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Plenderleith (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice-Chairman), and Mrs. Patten.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn and Pearson.

OS/17. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs. Hood (Conservative Group) and Councillor Mrs. Mead (Labour Group).

OS/18. **ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING PROJECT - UPDATE**

The Environmental Development Manager updated the Committee on progress with the Environmental Volunteering Project. She reported that the project would continue into next year and requested that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider future charging arrangements.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions relating to funding of the project, costs to be charged, and how non-parished areas could access this project.

It was requested that a briefing note be produced for all Members to enable them to contact schools and parish councils regarding future projects.

It was agreed:-

That the report be noted, and that a scheme of charges be produced by the Environmental Development Manager in consultation with the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to be submitted to the Housing and Community Services Committee on 6th February 2014.

OS/19. **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 – REPORT ON USAGE**

The Committee received a report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) since August 2013. Members were reminded of the purpose of the legislation and recent changes to it. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was authorised to review the Council's use of RIPA and for the period August to October 2013, there had been no authorisations requested for the use of these powers.

It was agreed to note the report.

MRS. A. PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.