

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13th October 2021

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Bambrick (Chair) and Councillor Stuart (Vice-Chair) and Councillor Gee.

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin, Hewlett and Patten.

Independent Group

Councillor Roberts.

Non Grouped

Councillor Wheelton.

OS/08 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received from Members.

OS/09 **MINUTES**

The Committee received the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd September 2020, 14th October 2020, 25th November 2020, 13th January 2021, 20th February 2021 and 31st March 2021.

OS/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

OS/11 **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/12 **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/13 SDDC & NOVUS PARTNERSHIP – WHOLE HOUSE FRAMEWORK (Presentation)

The representatives from Novus presented slides detailing their working partnership with the Council to Members. Additional information was provided to Members in the form of printed matter.

OS/14 COLLABORATIVE WORKING

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) introduced the report to Members informing them that the workstream details requested by the Committee would be the start of a process to look at partnerships with the Council.

The Council work with other organisations either through a Service Level Agreement or Shared Service. A list of current partnerships was available to Members if further scrutiny of any partnership was required by the Committee.

Members asked if any bench marking was available of Councils giving Value for Money when working with other Councils, could further partnership arrangements be put in place by the Officers, are partnerships reviewed by the Auditors and are Heads of Service scrutinized when deciding the delivery of services. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) was not aware of a league table with benchmarking data and informed Members that Heads of Service review the delivery of services and check that it is the best way to deliver that particular service, be it through in-house, shared service or partnership. The Auditor would provide an opinion in the Value for Money statement which could advise on a risk to a service. The scrutiny of service delivery plans would be at the point of review by the policy Committee and Members would have the opportunity to question the Heads of Service and use of collaborative working.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee noted the current extent of partnership and collaborative working undertaken by the Council and identified the next steps within the scope of the review.

OS/15 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – REPORT ON USAGE

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee on behalf of the Monitoring Officer, noting that no authorisations had been sought.

RESOLVED:-

To note the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

OS/16 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the Work Programme to the Committee.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/17 **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.

COUNCILLOR S BAMBRICK

CHAIR