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NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date and Time:	Tuesday 19 April 2022 7.00 pm
Place:	Council Chamber
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Members:	Axam, Collins, Crookes, Davies, Dorn, Drage, Farmer, Harward, Smith, Wildsmith and Worlock (Chairman)

Joint Chief Executive

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AGENDA

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1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 4 - 9)

The minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2022 are attached to be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence from Members*.

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3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disclosable, pecuniary and any other interests*.

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4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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6 PRESENTATION BY FRIMLEY HEALTH AND CARE ICS

Presentation from the Chief Executive Designate and Frimley ICS Programme Director on the latest news from Frimley Health and Care ICS (Integrated Care System) and how it will benefit Hart and its residents.

7 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE (Pages 10 - 19)

To consider the Chairman's draft report to Annual Council on a review of the work carried out in the past year by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the report and the subsequent actions taken.

8 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES (Pages 20 - 34)

To inform the Committee of members' work in 2021/22 as representatives of the Council on outside bodies.

A summary of reports from the Council's representatives on external bodies for 2021/22 is attached as Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are requested to:

- consider the effectiveness of current partnerships and external representation in meeting the Council's priorities, and to note the information.
- make recommendation to Cabinet where appropriate.

9 MULTI AGENCY AND PARISH FLOOD FORUM (Pages 35 - 43)

Update from twice yearly meeting of multi-agencies. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2022 to be noted.

10 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 44 - 46)

To consider the Cabinet Work Programme.

11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 47 - 49)

To consider and amend the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

Present:

Collins, Crookes, Dorn, Drage, Farmer, Harward, Smith and Wildsmith

In attendance, virtual:

Councillor Axam

Councillor Radley

John Elson, Head of Environment & Technical Services

Kirsty Jenkins, Head of Community

Mark Jaggard, Head of Place

Christine Tetlow, New Settlement Manager

In attendance:

Councillor Neighbour

Cheryl Edwards – Inclusion Hampshire

Marie Greenhalgh – Inclusion Hampshire

Officers:

Daryl Phillips, Joint Chief Executive

Emma Foy, Head of Corporate Services & S151 Officer

Joanne Innes, Audit Manager

Jenny Humphreys, Committee Services Officer

114 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman highlighted that the Head of Environment and Technical had requested an additional line to be added to Item 109. This is:

The Head of Environment and Technical confirmed that the report will aim to address the committee's comments, before submission to Hampshire County Council and publication on Hart's website.

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 February 2022 and this additional sentence were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Davies and Worlock (Chairman).

Councillor Axam attended virtually via video.

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

117 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

118 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

None.

119 PRESENTATION BY INCLUSION HAMPSHIRE

Inclusion Hampshire's CEO and Head of Inclusion College gave a presentation on the charity's work over the last two years; they primarily work with young people who cannot access mainstream education.

The Head of Inclusion College also gave an overview of the new Inclusion Centre in Hook and thanked the Chairman's Charity for their financial contribution to train Casper, their therapy dog.

Questions from members included:

- The possibility of a larger music room in the Hook centre.
- How national funding has impacted referrals and their services.
- How the charity works with other local organisations and local employers; one of their existing links is with Aspire.
- How the charity handles safeguarding issues if a young person is homeless.

Members were keen to assist the group practically and keep in touch.

A Member asked if the Council's economic development plans could link with groups like Inclusion Hampshire and the Head of Place confirmed they did and would continue to in the future.

120 COMMUNITY SERVICE PANEL UPDATE

Councillors Farmer and Wildsmith had attended the Service Panel and concluded the meeting was very good, particularly the detail on homelessness provision.

Members recognised the extension to the Closure Order and the hard work that had gone into this by officers; they also questioned the deferral of the Homelessness Out of Hours Provision.

Members were also pleased that the report included former dates and showed changes to deadlines.

121 ENVIRONMENT & TECHNICAL SERVICE PANEL UPDATE

Councillor Farmer had attended the Service Panel.

Members questioned the timescales of some items, including delivery of Phase 1 works at Edenbrook Country Park.

There was a discussion by Members, The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services and the Head of Environment and Technical on the KPIs relating to CCTV downtime.

It was agreed that more detail and explanation on the CCTV data needed to be discussed at Service Panels first, so it could then be explained with more clarity at future meetings.

The Head of Environment and Technical answered a member's question on vehicle leasing and purchasing and confirmed that the Procurement Team consider the timings for new vehicles, although as many were replaced recently there was no current update to share.

The Chairman requested that the document published on Hart's website detailing the 21/22 Traffic Management Programme needed improving.

122 PLACE SERVICE PANEL UPDATE

Councillors Davies and Dorn had attended the Service Panel meeting and had emailed their comments to committee members in advance.

Members would have liked to have seen more clarification on how fly tipping and street cleansing worked together included in the plan.

Members discussions included:

- The latest on the Gypsy and Traveller DPD and past consultation.
- Employment land, Article 4's (Planning) and why this is no longer required.

Members also requested more information on the Planning Enforcement Team's workload and The Head of Place agreed to provide an update at a future Service Panel.

123 DRAFT SERVICE PLANS 2022/2023

Members considered the draft Service Plans for 2022/23 and made the following recommendations:

CORPORATE

Members highlighted that the draft Service Plan contained no reference to the Tier 1 savings, and the Head of Corporate Services agreed to include more

detail on items 12 and 16 of the plan when it was agreed - currently this work is still ongoing.

A Member questioned why the draft plans were not circulated to earlier Service Panel meetings and the Joint Chief Executive confirmed that due to timings and workloads it was not possible.

COMMUNITY

No comments.

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNICAL

A Member questioned why many of the completion dates were March 2023 and hoped to see more challenging ones.

A Member requested to see more included in the draft plan on the Countryside Team's work. For example: Odiham Common and the work on smaller commons and Hazeley Heath. The Head of Environment and Technical agreed to include this.

PLACE

A Member requested that Service Priority 7 'Customer-focused Service' should be reworded.

Member's discussions included:

- Timescales for the Local Plan Review and if any smaller work on particular areas of this could be drafted in advance.
- More dates to be included on the Climate Change Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

Members agreed that pending comments, the draft Service Plans would be recommended to Cabinet.

124 LEVELLING UP

The Joint Chief Executive and New Settlement Manager gave a presentation on The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Levelling Up Fund 2.

Members were briefed on the Government's recently published Levelling Up White Paper, County Deals and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The Levelling Up Fund prioritises areas which are most in need of support; Hart District Council is identified as Tier 3, an area of least deprivation.

Members questions included:

- How the Unitary authorities in Hampshire (city councils) are involved in these bids/processes.
- The amount of money that organisations can bid for.
- The timescales for bidding processes and the use of external consultants.

- The possibility of putting forward a Climate Crisis application.

It was agreed by the Committee and Joint Chief Executive that more work needs to be done to identify Hart's needs for these types of funding applications.

125 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

The Audit Manager summarised that the Council's Corporate Risk Register is reviewed by management on a regular basis and reported to members to provide assurance that appropriate arrangements are in place to mitigate identified risks.

DECISION

The Committee noted the contents of the Corporate Risk Register and praised the Audit Manager for its contents and the addition of Appendix B which showed all the recent updates.

126 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

A Member questioned why the Commercialisation Strategy was not on the Work Programme and the Joint Chief Executive confirmed that this was refreshed last year, and an update wasn't due yet.

A Member asked if there would be stakeholder engagement on the draft Odiham Common Management Plan. The Leader confirmed that this would be reviewed.

Members discussed version control for this Work Programme and the possibility of more explanations why items appeared to have been omitted from it in the past. This requires further work and consideration.

127 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Joint Chief Executive asked the Committee to consider a Cyber Security presentation briefing at a future Overview and Scrutiny meeting, possibly June 2022 and that all members would be invited.

A Member requested a date to be added to the Work Programme for the Draft Budget item.

Members briefly discussed a possible item on the Harlington lease and the Joint Chief Executive and Leader of the Council confirmed that when this is advised it would come to Cabinet.

A Member suggested combining the Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes and the Joint Chief Executive advised that they need to continue to be separate documents.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 19 APRIL 2022

TITLE OF REPORT: REVIEW OF THE WORK OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST YEAR 2021/22

Report of: Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To review the work of Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the past year 2021/22.

2 CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Members note the report and the subsequent actions taken.

3 WHAT IS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY?

3.1 Every local authority operating a Cabinet and Scrutiny model has a Cabinet made up of the Leader of the Council and up to nine other members. All executive decisions (i.e., those needed to implement the Policy Framework and Budget approved by the Council) are taken by the Cabinet.

3.2 Overview and Scrutiny bodies are not “decision making” bodies but are bodies which monitor and influence those that are. The Overview and Scrutiny role, carried out by non-Cabinet members, is designed to support the work of the Council in the following ways:

- Reviewing and scrutinising decisions taken by the Cabinet (acting as a “critical friend”)
- Considering aspects of the Council’s performance
- Assisting in research, policy review and development
- Involving itself with external organisations operating in the district to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working
- Providing a means of involving the communities in the Council’s work.

3.3 The Committee also reviews and scrutinises decisions made, or actions proposed in connection with the Council functions, including that of budget monitoring and service delivery.

4 REVIEW OF 2021/22 AND THE ACTIONS TAKEN

4.1 This year, despite continuing challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with support from Cabinet Members and Officers have had a productive year and all meetings in the year have taken place.

4.2 Notable actions include the successful implementation of Service Panels which has given Members the opportunity to take ownership and also have time to carry out relatively 'deep dives' into service performance.

A number of specific task and finish groups were set up which included:

- A TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY (Councillors Axam, Farmer and Harward)
- A TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR THE REVIEW OF PROJECT OPTIONS FOR HOUSING CAPITAL SPEND (Councillors Axam, Collins, Harward, Farmer, Wildsmith and Worlock).
- A TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO UPDATE AND REFRESH THE CORPORATE COMPLAINT POLICY (Councillors Davies, Drage, Dorn and Smith)

4.3 The Committee also received presentations from outside bodies which included:

- FARNBOROUGH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY FUTURE PLANS UPDATE
The Committee received an update on the College's future plans by Virginia Barrett, Principal CEO, Farnborough College of Technology
- PRESENTATION BY INCLUSION HAMPSHIRE
Cheryl Edwards (CEO) and Marie Greenhalgh (Head of Inclusion College) from Inclusion Hampshire gave an update on their charity's work and new Inclusion Centre in Hook.

4.4 Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee provides an excellent introduction for newly elected Councillors to gain an understanding of the policies and procedures of local government, enabling them to contribute effectively in debate and decision-making.

4.5 **Regular reports -**

The Committee received quarterly or bi-annual monitoring reports on the following

- Service performance relative to Service Plan and Key Performance Indicators
- Budget monitoring to ensure that the Council is on track to meet and stay within Council agreed budget parameters
- Hart Flood Forum – twice a year.
- Corporate Risk Register update – bi-annual

4.6 **Regular annual one-off reports -**

The Committee also received:

- prior to consideration by Cabinet the draft Treasury Management Statement; 2020/21 Outturn Position, the Medium-Term Financial Statement (MTFS), the draft Budget, and draft Service Plans,
- Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review Letter.

4.7 **Heads of Services**

Heads of Services attended most meetings and presented Service updates relative to Service Plans.

5 **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OF NOTE**

JUNE 2021

FIT AND PROPER PERSONS TEST PREPARATIONS

Members supported in principle the report and delegated the confirmation of the final Overview and Scrutiny Committee comments to the Chairman to finalise for the Head of Community Service to address and forward on to Cabinet.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Members discussed several areas of the policy and subject to consideration of adjustments, the draft refreshed Commercial Property Investment Strategy was recommended to Cabinet.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT CORPORATE DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

The Portfolio Holder and Head of Service for Corporate Services gave a summary of the proposed policy. Members agreed that the policy be recommended to Cabinet.

PROVISIONAL 2020/21 REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN POSITION

The Portfolio Holder and Head of Corporate Services gave a summary of the report. The Committee noted and agreed with all the recommendations.

NEXT STEPS IN COVID-19 RECOVERY

The Joint Chief Executive gave a summary of the report, which was the fourth report to Members providing an update on the work undertaken in response to the COVID pandemic.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Members discussed the summary of Members work as representatives on outside bodies in 2020-21, with particular focus on Blackbushe Metals and the Hampshire Partnership. The Committee recommended that Cabinet consider the allocation of representatives based on skills and Ward location and consider current reporting systems

RECOVERY FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT OF MEMBERS

Members discussed the re-engagement of Members with the Council and Officers in certain areas including communication methods, Councillor Enquiries, the use of TEAMS and Councillor mentoring.

SERVICE PLANS AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Members discussed the monitoring of service plans and service performance in several areas including, KPI's and their effectiveness, and the use of SMART targets and the role of Overview and Scrutiny in service level performance and monitoring

JULY 2021

REVISED SAFEGUARDING POLICY & PROCEDURE AND PROPOSED MODERN SLAVERY TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT

The Committee welcomed the draft revised Safeguarding Policy & Procedure and Modern Slavery Transparency Statement and subject to the inclusion of a contacts card, recommended the Strategy to Cabinet.

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COMMUNITY TRIGGER POLICY

The Community Safety Manager gave a summary of the policy. The Committee reviewed the policy and procedure and asked Cabinet to Consider several points involving awareness of complaints, accuracy, and anonymity.

CUSTOMER CARE POLICY

The Committee questioned the practical implications of restricting access to officers if a complaint persisted in acting unreasonably.

HART HOUSING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Councillors Davies, Farmer, Harward and Smith volunteered to comprise the Hart Housing Property Management Company's Scrutiny Panel.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2020/21

The Committee heard from the Head of Corporate Services and S151 Officer who summarised the annual review report.

Questions from members included Interest Rates and why we have money invested in other borough councils and how Internal Borrowing is represented.

AUGUST 2020

WEBSITE REDESIGN PROJECT

The Committee recommended to Cabinet that the report contained more detailed timescales.

2022/23 BUDGET & MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE

The Committee noted the timetable for 2022/23 budget setting and the reserves policy in Section 6 of the report.

QUARTER ONE - REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

The Committee noted the Quarter One forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the key reasons for projected variations between actual expenditure and budgeted expenditure.

SEPTEMBER 2021

CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

The Corporate Risk Register was reviewed with assurance that appropriate arrangements were in place to mitigate identified risks.

Members of the Committee made the following recommendations:

- Changes could be highlighted on the document to make them clearer.
- Including more detail on these changes - for example what has gone up and gone down would provide more scope and insight.
- Extracting the top five and going into more detail about these would be beneficial.

NOMINATIONS TO A TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY

Councillors Axam, Farmer and Harward volunteered to be part of the Task and Finish group.

REFRESHMENTS CONCESSION OPPORTUNITIES AT EDENBROOK AND BRAMSHOT FARM COUNTRY PARKS

Members supported the idea to explore this option.

FOOD RECOVERY PLAN 2021/22

Members considered the draft Food Recovery Plan 2021/24 with several recommendations; including some consideration on any potential risks there may be to the delivery phase.

OCTOBER 2020

PRELIMINARY DRAFT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) CHARGING

Members reviewed the Preliminary Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule (PDSC) and recommended it for public consultation with several recommendations.

LOCAL PLAN ASSESSMENT

The Committee recommended to Cabinet that work should begin on the assessment as soon as Government guidance is received.

2022/23 BUDGET & MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE

Members noted the current position to the proposed budget savings.

NOVEMBER 2021

WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Members were given an update from Councillor Oliver on the progression of the client management function for the waste contract since the transfer back to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Members reviewed the draft strategy and recommended it to Cabinet.

NOMINATIONS TO A TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR THE REVIEW OF PROJECT OPTIONS FOR HOUSING CAPITAL SPEND

Councillors Axam, Collins, Harward, Farmer, Wildsmith and Worlock volunteered to be on this group.

NOMINATIONS TO A TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO UPDATE AND REFRESH THE CORPORATE COMPLAINT POLICY

Councillors Davies, Drage, Dorn and Smith agreed to be part of this group.

HOUSING CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES IN NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Members wanted more information, evidence, and operational costs to be included in the report before it could be recommended to Cabinet.

HART INTERIM PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT ON FIRST HOMES

The committee noted the content of the report with the several comments, including, how this policy would affect the current Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans.

DECEMBER 2021

PROJECT INTEGRA JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Committee recommended to Cabinet the endorsement of a “twin-stream” approach to recycling, (not the “twin-stream” approach that is detailed in the report) to improve performance.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT HALF-YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2021/22

The Committee endorsed the recommendation to Cabinet to increase the Barclays Counterparty limit to £10m until 31 March, to accommodate the investment in the Barclays Green Investment fund.

The Committee also endorsed the recommendation that following the acquisition of Centenary House, to increase the Operational Boundary and Authorised Limit as detailed in the report.

QUARTER TWO BUDGET MONITORING

Members noted and provided scrutiny over the revised projections and main revenue variances highlighted in the report.

JANUARY 2022

FARNBOROUGH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY FUTURE PLANS UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the College’s future plans by Virginia Barrett, Principal CEO, Farnborough College of Technology

HOUSING CAPITAL SPEND UPDATE

The Strategy and Development Manager summarised that the group had met twice since November 2021, reviewed the list of projects and identified why they had been chosen.

Councillors Axam, Farmer and Worlock, who are members of the Task and Finish group, summarised that they had found the meetings very useful and productive.

HOUSING CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES IN NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Members decided that the scheme fundamentally is a good idea however the report needed more detail and explanation. The Committee had concerns about how the benefits of the scheme could be measured and evaluated. The Committee did not recommend the report proceed to Cabinet.

HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY 2022-27

Members recommended that the Strategy be adopted by Cabinet

DRAFT BUDGET 2022/2023 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Members made comments and agreed for the strategy to go forward to Cabinet

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Members recommended the report to Cabinet.

FEBRUARY 2022

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE COMPLAINT POLICY

The Change and Digital Manager summarised the report and work of the Task and Finish group, which was providing guidance and advice on how the Council's Corporate Complaint Policy could be updated and improved.

The Committee endorsed the new Corporate Complaint Policy and recommended its formal adoption to Cabinet.

The Committee also endorsed the anticipated website information that will be available for residents. It was also noted the intention, that once the new

policy and systems are in place, that high level trend data on complaints will be provided to Overview and Scrutiny as part of the corporate suite of data provided on a quarterly basis.

REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTFURN POSITION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided challenge over the report including the revised projections and significant revenue variations highlighted in paragraph 4.3 and Appendices 1 and 2.

ANNUAL ON-STREET PARKING REPORT 2020/21

This report was for information prior to submission to Hampshire County Council as required as part of the Civil Parking Enforcement Agency agreement. The Committee noted the report and provided suggestions and recommendations on how it should reflect Hart more specifically

ENERGY EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWABLE/LOW CARBON ENERGY GENERATION

The Planning Policy & Economic Development Manager introduced the report and explained it was in two parts: reducing energy use and the provision of renewable and low carbon energy in new developments (including a draft Technical Advice Note), and proposals for large scale renewable energy generation such as solar farms. Members considered the issues raised in the report and provided their views on the draft Technical Advice Note.

RESIDENTIAL CYCLE AND CAR PARKING STANDARDS UPDATE

Members noted the report and progress with the Cycle and Car Parking Standards SPD and provided feedback in several areas including, general support for the revised approach to residential cycle and car parking, removing the zonal approach and the differences between the current and revised car parking standards

MARCH 2022

PRESENTATION BY INCLUSION HAMPSHIRE

Cheryl Edwards (CEO) and Marie Greenhalgh (Head of Inclusion College) from Inclusion Hampshire gave an update on their charity's work and new Inclusion Centre in Hook

DRAFT SERVICE PLANS 2022/23

The Committee considered the draft Service Plans for 2022/23 and recommended that, subject to small amendments to content the deadline dates they be recommended to Cabinet.

LEVELLING UP

The Joint Chief Executive and New Settlement Manager (now Programme Manager) gave a presentation that included an update on Levelling Up and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and how the Council can engage with it. It was agreed by the Committee and Joint Chief Executive that more work needs to be done to identify Hart's needs for these types of funding applications.

CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

Members reviewed the Corporate Risk Register which is reviewed by management on a regular basis and reported to members to provide assurance that appropriate arrangements are in place to mitigate identified risks. The report was for noting only.

Contact Details: Councillor Dr Jane Worlock, Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 19 APRIL 2022

TITLE OF REPORT: REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Report of: Joint Chief Executive

Cabinet Member: Councillor David Neighbour, Leader

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Committee of members' work in 2021/22 as representatives of the Council on outside bodies.

A summary of reports from the Council's representatives on external bodies for 2021/22 is attached as **Appendix 1**.

2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to:

- consider the effectiveness of current partnerships and external representation in meeting the Council's priorities, and to note the information.

- make recommendation to Cabinet where appropriate

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Annually, a specified number of representatives are nominated to sit on Hart's approved list of Outside Bodies. Members are requested to consider the effectiveness of current partnerships and external representation in meeting the Council's priorities, and to note the information.

3.2 At the end of each year, each representative is requested to prepare a short report outlining the role of the organisation; the benefit to the Council of providing a representative to that organisation; and how the priorities of the organisation link with the Council's corporate priorities.

4. EQUALITIES

All activity will comply with the authority's statutory duties.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

No direct carbon/environmental impacts arising from the recommendations.

6. ACTION

Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to review the engagement with outside bodies and provide any recommendations, as appropriate to Cabinet.

Contact: Daryl Phillips; daryl.phillips@hart.gov.uk

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Summary of Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Appendix 2 – List of Council nominated representatives.

HART REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/2022

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – April 22

Outline of Organisation	Input from Representative	Benefit to Council	Representative's view?
Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee			
Management of the canal facilities, upkeep and infrastructure throughout Surrey and Hampshire.	(1) Representatives are part of the decision-making process for the organisation and are informed of, and consulted on, decisions with voting rights. (2) The committee has representatives from District and County Councillors and receives report from and advises the owners of the canal (HCC and Surrey CC). The Basingstoke Canal Society is also a very active member of the JMC. Individual members of the JMC are consultees to the committee which advises the canal owners.	(1) Work is led by the two County Councils, but there is ample opportunity for input from member representatives who have equal voting rights at the meetings. (2) Hart makes contributions to the canal maintenance and residents value the amenity of the canal and its designation as a SSSI.	Yes, continue.
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee			
Consults local Councillors and residents on business development and operational management of Blackbushe airport.	(1) The meeting normally meets half-yearly, in March and September. During the Covid pandemic meetings were via Zoom, but face to face meetings restarted in September 2021. Councillor Quarterman attends both in his capacity as a Hart Councillor but also as chair of the Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The main part of the meeting is hearing reports from the airport manager and taking the opportunity to ask questions and scrutinise their performance.	(1) The benefit to the Council is being informed on ongoing development and performance of the airport, which is a major employer in the district and controls an important property asset.	Recommended to continue

Blackbushe Metals Liaison Panel			
To check environmental issues.	(1) No meetings were held in 2020/21		Continue
Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport			
Works with other local Councils to coordinate liaison with public transport providers to improve services and address other matters of interest and concern, such as climate change.	Representatives are part of the decision-making process for the organisation and are informed of, and consulted on, decisions. There was no formal voting on any matters. The main part of the meeting is hearing reports from the service providers and taking the opportunity to ask questions and scrutinise their performance.	It is important that Hart attends and provides input so that we can work successfully in partnership with our neighbouring Councils County Councils are also represented on this committee along with all public transport operators.	Continue.
Blackwater Valley Recreation and Countryside Management Committee			
This is a Partnership project between HCC, local authorities, and community organisations, working to maintain and improve the River Blackwater and the open greenspaces alongside.			

Citizens Advice Hart			
<p>Citizens Advice Hart is an independent charity and part of the Citizens Advice network across England and Wales. People come to CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) with all sorts of issues including money, benefit, housing, or employment problems. CAB advisers will research client's issues and provide them with information about your options. This will allow clients to decide the path for them to take to resolve your issues.</p>			
Crookham Almshouse Charity			
<p>The charity "provides almshouse accommodation for poor persons of good character" who are inhabitants of the district of Hart, with preference for those residents in Crookham Village, Ewshot, Church Crookham, Pondtail, Courtmoor and Fleet West.</p>	<p>The committee meet twice a year but as Chair of trustees I have regular, ad hoc contact with the Clerk and residents when issues arise. The Clerk, Chairman and Treasurer undertake the bulk of the day to day running of the Almshouses, relaying their decisions via email and at committee meetings. More significant decisions are made at committee. I have voting rights. I am involved in interviewing applicants when a unit becomes vacant.</p>	<p>Representation on this body provides an important link with a well-established and long-standing local charity which offers a helping hand to vulnerable people in our community. It enables a group of local trustees, who are representatives from local parishes or co-opted, and Hart officers to work together to provide much needed housing in this part of the district, particularly as housing is so expensive here. Our Clerk is in regular contact with Hart housing officers and other staff concerning benefits. The charity provides a link between the local authority and a little piece of history. On a personal level, it gives me the opportunity to be directly involved (for instance in interviewing applicants for vacant units) and to make a positive contribution to the running of the almshouses. All our residents are vulnerable in some form, and it is hugely satisfying to be able to give them a roof over their</p>	<p>Council input is positive and should be continued.</p>

		<p>head and security. They are all extremely grateful for the accommodation they have at the almshouses.</p> <p>The last 12 months have as been busy as always for this charity, dealing with the impact of a global pandemic for the second year. The clerk has been the single point of contact for the residents, keeping in regular touch by phone, reassuring them and helping where appropriate.</p> <p>Fleet Lions and the Welfare Trust kindly donated parcels of food to all residents at Christmastime, which were well received.</p> <p>As part of a continuous process of renewing and refurbishing, work has been undertaken in several the units.</p> <p>In anticipation of increased energy and food prices the clerk treasurer and chair met to discuss ways we could give financial assistance to our residents. We are fortunate that we can do this. We have only had one new resident in the past 12 months.</p>	
District Councils' Network			
Forum utilised to lobby central government and to disseminate emerging best practice.			
District Health and Wellbeing Forum			
The council co-ordinates and facilitates a district health and wellbeing forum which brings together representatives of statutory bodies, local GP surgeries, charities, and community groups. In addition, the council supports a Hampshire wide health and wellbeing forum. The council			

also facilitates Ageing well and Starting Well groups with input from community groups across the District.			
Enterprise M3 Leader's Board			
The Leader's Board is the main forum for communication between the LEP and the local authorities within the LEPs boundary in Hampshire and Surrey.			
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)			
The FACC is a body designated to scrutinise the operation of Farnborough Aerodrome in respect to its impact on residents and business community. It is made up in equal ratio of aviation stakeholders, public organisations and local authorities.	It meets 3 times a year. Representatives are part of the decision-making process for the organisation and are informed of, and consulted on, decisions.	Aircraft movements in and out of Farnborough can have an impact on residents across a wide range of the district but by far it affects more those directly under the flight path in Ewshot and Church Crookham. This is an ideal forum to raise their concerns and to maintain a constructive dialogue with the airport operator. There is also an educational element to these meetings in that the committee invite industry experts to come and give presentations on noise, safety and airspace regulation. (1) This year I have chaired a sub-committee to review and update the constitution as well as being instrumental in opening up membership to an environmental group, namely Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth. (2) Macquarie the Australian investment group have now been in charge for over a year, they are being as co-operative as TAG the previous owners.	Yes, but representatives should continue to be selected from wards which sit directly under the flight path.

Fleet Business Improvement District (BID)			
Formal BID funded by levy on businesses (within BID area) to promote and support Levy Payer activity. Constituted through BID legislation and formed through Referendum in 2016	Informed and consulted in developing action plans and events to promote and support the Fleet BID objectives.	To ensure co-ordination and advice on events and activities within the BID area. Key partnership for the Fleet business community. BID are open to ideas and advice from HDC, similarly HDC gain from understanding the issues and opportunities for partnership working with Fleet BID levy payers A stakeholder in any Regeneration scheme for the Fleet Town Centre HDC representative resigned as Director of BID (January 2022) due to conflict of interest concerns. No voting rights retained but HDC representative can still attend Board Meetings if invited. Re-ballot successful in March 2022 for new 5 year term.	Continue.
Fleet Pond Society			
Works in partnership with HDC (Hart District Council) to maintain and improve Fleet Pond			
Hampshire Partnership			
A County led forum whose agenda is set by HCC			
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel			
A forum to investigate improving the safety on North Hampshire's roads. Promoting and encouraging road safety through campaigns and education.			
Hart Voluntary Action			
Hart Voluntary Action is a local charity which supports the voluntary and community sector in Hart District by			

offering one-to-one information and guidance, training, information updates, networking opportunities and volunteer recruitment. Its aim is to support voluntary and community organisations with their capacity to deliver services and activities for the local community. HDC currently has 2 service agreements for the delivery of services in the district.			
Local Government Association (HLOWLA)			
A Countrywide forum for discussing sector level issues.			
LGA General Assembly (Annual)			
The Confederation of Local Government. This is an umbrella organisation for Local Government in England.			
Military Covenant Group			
Draws together local authorities (Hart, Rushmoor, Basingstoke & Deane) local (serving) military, NHS (Clinical Commissioning Groups) and local veterans organisations to promote welfare issues and provide a locally co-ordinated	Work has continued through the pandemic recovery, but interaction has been reduced. Meetings (All have had HDC representation) - 4, mostly run as virtual meetings during the municipal year and a summer drinks reception organised by	The Military Covenant is a nationally recognised role and is now enshrined in The Armed Forces Covenant is being enshrined in law in Summer 2022. Linking to HDC services through a proactive organisation ensures better outcomes for so many serving personnel in the district and our local veterans. By coordination HDC activities with the various specialist support groups risks are reduced	Yes – strongly recommended.

<p>framework to support the delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant.</p>	<p>outgoing British Legion Chairman in summer 2020. The Mil Cov training was attended by Cllr Dorn on behalf of Hart and extensive notes provide for Ms Glenn and Cllr Clarke. As a coordination group (across Hart and Rushmoor) there are no hard decisions, only agreement to take matters further within the council processes, minutes are produced. Most input is based on sharing experiences, issues, initiatives, and local activity within HDC. The members gain understanding from each other and receive briefings from the military teams to facilitate mitigating issues within the community.</p>	<p>and problems mitigated for dispersed military personnel. Demonstrating commitment to the Military Covenant is a core activity to for Hart to demonstrate real commitment to an agreement signed in 2011. Integrated and positive action between military commands and District Council functions is key to better and more united action between civil and military communities. Such action is vital to provide broad support to the highly complex range of issues that face serving and veteran personnel. As we emerge from lock-down it is essential that we continue to support our veterans. Mental Health is a huge issue within the serving and veteran community and Hart needs to play its part. Representation at key events (Remembrance services and various British Legion events that are re-starting around the district) is essential to “fly the flag” and show that the District Council stands with those who server and have served. Tacit support is often extremely helpful to those who wish to avoid major events. The interaction with the various external bodies helps to ensure what Hart does is better focussed and more appropriate for such groups. The organisations are very welcoming of inputs; Ms Glenn and Cllr Dorn have been proactive in offering insight, ideas, and suggestions to the various organisations. Much of the Cllr involvement has been through Cllr Dorn who has made point of strengthening a close liaison with local Royal British Legion and their new local Chairman Simon Gornall. Liz Glenn has worked tirelessly on this issue and is very much appreciated; her replacement has year to be appointed but it is hoped will have a similar level of drive and commitment.</p>	
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		<p>Cllr Dorn on behalf of the everyone involved would like to personally thank Ms Glenn for her effective and cheerful commitment over many years.</p> <p>Bill Tyak as the outgoing Chairman of the British Legion should also be thanked for many years of tireless and effective service.</p> <p>Meetings regularly consider issues associated with: Children and Education, Housing, Health & Wellbeing, Environment & Infrastructure, Veterans.</p>	
North East Hampshire CPRE			
<p>The CPRE aims to 'enable people to recognise and enjoy the diverse natural environment by protecting exceptional countryside assets.' The NE Hants Planning group, focused on the Winchfield and Hartley Wintney area, assesses the progress of planning related matters to potentially use its national profile to make representations on major proposals and appeals.</p>	<p>'Planning' group (daytime) FTF meetings finally resumed following lockdown. Online meetings were not popular. No meetings are currently scheduled. HDC rep is just an observer with no voting rights. I am normally copied minutes.</p>	<p>It gives an opportunity to understand perceived issues and clarify questions of a planning or policy nature, or to explain my understanding of the council's position.</p>	<p>Yes continue</p>
North Hampshire Road Safety Council			
<p>A forum to investigate improving the safety on North Hampshire's roads. Promoting and encouraging road safety through campaigns and education.</p>	<p>These meetings are informative and offer the opportunity to influence and lobby for specific programmes to be implemented in our district. It is useful to receive updates and reports from the various council members and a forum for discussion on national road safety statistics. Members of the council do</p>	<p>The Road Safety Council meetings are intended to help promote and raise awareness of countywide road safety education campaigns delivered by HCC, Hampshire Police and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. Meetings include officers from those organisations plus county and district members, together with other representatives, including representatives from cycling groups, driving organisations, pedestrians and equestrians. We</p>	<p>Continue.</p>

	have voting rights but rarely have the need to make decisions.	mainly receive updates on work done by HCC Road Safety, Hants Fire and Rescue and the Police.	
Project Integra Strategy Board			
Partnership with all the local Councils in Hampshire, including HCC, to ensure a combined approach to waste disposal and recycling (marketing, education, and innovation).	Fully informed and consulted, with voting rights, and involved in developing strategies such as fly tipping, replacement/ refurbishment of MRFs and responding to Central Government consultations on waste strategy.	Sharing information on industry evolution permits us to innovate our service and agree strategies with partnering councils. Hart officers also help to develop key new strategies on recycling and education. Provides a forum for officers to share best practice. This is critical to services delivered to all residents and to delivering cost effective services - plus initiatives to reduce waste, increase recycling and reduce fly tipping. It is also an essential body to develop a Hampshire response to DEFRA's new Environment Bill that will require major changes to current waste and recycling practices.	
Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership			
The Partnership oversees community safety issues across Hart, Rushmoor and Basingstoke.			
South East England Councils (SEEC)			
This is the umbrella organisation for Local Government in the South East.			
Thames Basin Heaths – Joint Strategic Partnership			
A body set up to advise on mitigation measures for protecting the SPA (Special Protection Area) from the adverse effects of development. In particular, regard to managing SANGS	Meets once or twice per year depending on need – it can meet more often if there are issues to be resolved. It also spins out a number of working groups to tackle particular issues. Hart have (throughout my involvement) been an active positive contributor to this body. There is also a parallel officer's	SANGS are vital to the effective delivery of housing in this district, without them all housing would need to be rammed into the southwestern corner of the district. SANGS also provide a wonderful in perpetuity resource of much needed public open space. Engagement in the TBH-JSPB is of strategic importance to Hart.	Yes, most definitely

policy and monitoring the effectiveness of SANGS.	committee again in which Hart have made a major contribution. Not least because of the extensive SPA & SANG lands which we own and manage.		
Thames Basin Heaths – Strategic Access			
Management and Monitoring Board - This is the body tasked with monitoring the use made by communities of SPA land which may have a deleterious effect on the ecology.			
Vivid Housing Association			
Vivid Housing Association is a registered social landlord and developer of social housing in Hampshire and neighbouring counties. It currently manages over 32,000 homes and has plans to build a further 17,000 homes over the next 10 years. Hart Housing Association became part of Vivid some years ago and the councils previous housing stock is managed by Vivid.			

(1), (2) etc - Indicates first or second member's comments

(R) – indicates reserve

HART REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/22

Outside Bodies	No. of Representatives	Nominee(s)
Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee	2 Councillors (normally taken from Wards that include the line of the Canal)	1. Ambler 2. Crookes
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee	2 Councillors	1. Quarterman 2. Crisp
Blackbushe Metals Liaison Panel	2 Councillors	1. Crisp 2. Harward
Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport	2 Councillors	1. Quarterman 2. Oliver
Blackwater Valley Recreation & Countryside Management Committee	2 Councillors (1xCabinet Member)	1. Neighbour 2. Drage
Citizens Advice Hart	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Bailey
Crookham Almshouse Charity (Trustee)	1 Councillor	Butler
District Health and Wellbeing Forum	1 Councillor	Bailey
Enterprise M3 Leaders Board	1 Councillor (Leader)	Neighbour
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)	2 Councillors 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Radley 2. Axam Reserve: Ambler
Fleet Business Improvement District	1 Councillor	Oliver
Fleet Pond Society	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	Wright Reserve: Wheale
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Bailey
Hart Voluntary Action	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Bailey
LGA General Assembly (Annual Event)	1 Councillor (Leader or Deputy Leader)	Neighbour Reserve: Radley
Local Government Association H10W and District Councils Network	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor (Leader & Deputy Leader)	1. Radley Reserve: Oliver
Military Community Covenant	1 Councillor	Dorn
North East Hampshire CPRE	1 Councillor (observer)	Clarke

North Hampshire Road Safety Council	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	Oliver Reserve: Butcher
Project Integra Strategy Board	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor (2xCabinet Members)	Oliver Reserve: Neighbour
Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership	1 Cabinet Member	Bailey
South East England Councils (SEEC)	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	Neighbour Reserve: Radley
Thames Basin Heaths – Joint Strategic Partnership	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	Radley Reserve: Cockarill
Thames Basin Heaths – Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Project Board	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	Radley Reserve: Cockarill
Vivid Housing Association	1 Councillor (observer)	Bailey Reserve: Head of Community Services

Minutes of the Meeting of Thames Water, Environment Agency, Hampshire County Council with Hart District Council Members

7 March 2022 at 2pm

Present:

Hart District Councillors (HDC)	Ambler; Forster, Neighbour, Oliver, Southern, Worlock (Chairman)
Hampshire County Council (HCC)	Cllrs. Collett, Davies, Glen, Parker Keith Thompson Susanna Hope
Environment Agency (EA)	Neil Landricombe
Thames Water (TW)	Nikki Hines, Sarah Edmunds, Carly Mason
Hart District Council (HDC)	Alex Jones, Philip Sheppard, Stephanie Baker, Rebecca Borrett

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from:

Councillor Dorn (HDC); Councillor Butcher (HDC) Councillor Quarterman (HDC)

2. Minutes & Action Table of 11 October 2021

Councillor Davies proposed the minutes of the previous meeting were correct and this was seconded by Councillor Southern.

Action Table

The Chairman referenced and email sent to all members by Councillor Dorn providing a comprehensive update regarding the Crondall Sewer Lining.

- 2) **Steering group for Fleet and Sandy Lane Ditch** – AJ to speak with Cllr Dorn regarding a template for projects. NL to produce a presentation for the next meeting in March 2022.

Alex confirmed this was in respect of the project timeline. This has not been completed yet, but he will be working with Neil to discuss the various projects to develop a full timeline. This should be complete in the next month and should include all the projects including the EA and DC are working on. **This will be shared with all attendees once finalised.**

Alex will share the presentation received from Neil as part of his update and will forward this to all participants after the meeting.

- 39) **Crookham Park (between Nepal Gardens and Naishes Lane)** HCC to continue to pursue enforcement but low evidence of impacts.
- Susie confirmed a meeting had been held with the developer in February and a site visit is scheduled for April.
- 44) **Planning** – Briefing note to be provided and Planning to attend next meeting.
- This relates to Agenda Item 4.
- 45) **Processes - potential strengthening of Flood and Water Management Act powers (HCC)** – SH to provide numbers year on year since 2014.
- Susie to send figures to Alex** following the meeting for him to put into context and circulate.
- 48) **TW - Surface Water Management Plans** – this will be discussed as part of the TW update later in the agenda.
- 51) **To make 101 aware of the Hart sandbag procedures** – This has now been completed. 101 have been made aware of the Hart Sandbag Procedures. In relation to the educational campaign and website review the flooding webpage as been updated and in respect of educational campaigns, social media posts have been developed to be posted at relevant times of expected floods.
- 53) **Fleet FAS** – Not discussed
- 54) **EA (NL)** - report on the 6yr forward programme and existing projects.
- This is to be outlined in Agenda Item 5.1 as part of the status update
- 55) **Webbs Corner**
- To be discussed as part of Agenda Item 5.5

3. Impact of Storms since last meeting

Councillor Southern asked if debris in ditches and on the side of the road from trees that came down in Arrow Lane were the responsibility of HCC to clear. Keith explained there are 500 jobs across county, teams are working as quick as they can, but priority had to be to get road networks open. After this work on clearing away debris started.

Cllr Glen advised they had a meeting with Steve Kellet and had a presentation on the three recent storms. A lot of normal work North Hampshire highways are asked to do will be delayed as clear up from the problems with the trees is enormous. Once cleared from roads, any trees lying on landowner's land become the landowner's responsibility to deal with.

4. Hart DC Planning Update

The Chairman welcomed Stephanie Baker to the meeting. Stephanie had provided a briefing note covering Planning and Flood Risk in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Davies asked if HDC wanted to make sure people put in sustainable drainage systems, would this be a planning condition or would it be restrictive in practice. SB advised it would depend on nature of scheme, if a minor application, a householder application then flood risk assessments would not be asked for. If it was a medium to large scale application, then would need upfront information that has sustainable urban design systems included. A strategic flood risk assessment is needed on a site-by-site basis and there are triggers for that. On most schemes, a condition would then be made that the development is carried out in accordance with those fundamental details.

Councillor Davies asked when people applied for new drive is it a condition that it is permeable. SB advised it is not a condition in itself, but policy on flood risk does ask for permeable surfacing if possible, and reasonable. Going forwards Planning are considering a matrix for validation of what must be provided from national and local standards, together with other elements including flood risks and climate change etc. for people to at least consider.

Councillor Collett asked if it was felt the planning process can ensure we do not add to flooding problems when developments take place, and how much are you dependent on the EA and other appropriate bodies making meaningful consultation responses to be able to take action to prevent future problems. SB advised if it is something where they are dependent of their technical colleagues for specialist input, if as an officer this is any concern they need to wait for input or further consult, then would go back and question to make sure any scheme overall is acceptable. The Local Plan policies and the MPPF are clear the development should not increase flood risk on or off site.

Councillor Collett asked if it was not a larger development, for example an extension to a house, and the design means the roof of that extension drains into a pipe that then gets fed into foul sewer rather than a surface water system, would n active interest be taken in that? SB responded that the cumulative impact as small developments is not caught by the Local Plan or the MPPF, so over it's lifetime if that development would meet its flood risk, and not increase and offsite flood risk in isolation then an onus cannot be put on that development to do anything. If it becomes an issue over time, then it would become part of larger remit and Building Control, or County and other agencies may start looking at a common issue. Council Collett asked if a condition that any additional drainage must go into a surface water system not a foul system? SB confirmed not on small householder applications.

Councillor Worlock confirmed SB was happy for her briefing note to be sent to parish and town councils. SB confirmed she was happy for this and advised in the coming months was looking to set up some meetings with parish councils on different planning

topics. SB she is also happy to respond to any questions that come out of the meeting and to feel free to email her.

5. Status Updates

5.1 Environment Agency

Neil shared his presentation covering Blackwater flood modeling, progress to date and confirmation the scoping stage is the modelling. Councillor Southern asked why, if have finished scoping is modeling not starting now, and why will it take two years to do basic model of stream? Neil clarified they are about to start the actual modelling process and the complexity of the process to model a whole catchment this size involves much detail. Modelling is starting now but the process will take two years, running series of time periods 5,10,20,100-year scenarios for climate and flood modelling to be rerun over and over, with multiple other factors to be taken into account.

Keith asked if one of the streams not within Hart district, but on the boarder, Cove Brook that feeds into Blackwater and that was in a flood warning situation the previous week due to high levels at Hawley Lake, will be included in the modelling. Neil confirmed tributaries running through stream in Rushmoor, Guildford and Surrey Heath will be picked up.

Councillor Collett asked it things like recognising the functional role the balancing pond in Hawley Hill should be having. Neil confirmed he would hope ponds would be included in the model, but this is a catchment model so will not pick up every detail.

Councillor Collett asked if the outcome of this would enable us to understand the potential for more floodplains along the Blackwater Valley, helping to prevent floods along the river's course. Neil confirmed where there is an improved understanding this would assist in holding water up.

Fleet – Neil provided details of the key points of what has been done in recent years, and options identified following initial workshops. Modelling has been almost completed and is being reviewed internally. There will then be a meeting with the Risk Management Authorities (RMA) including HCC; HDC; TW etc. with a view to having further consultation with stakeholders and partners July/August.

In terms of business case Neil confirmed they are looking to submit this early 2023. Neil also confirmed he was aware from the previous meeting he needed to set out a plan of what was happening and when. **Neil confirmed he will supply this in coming weeks.**

Councillor Forster asked for clarification of the area covered. Neil confirmed it to be the Sandy Lane ditch; Fleet Brook; basically, the urban area through fleet. Councillor Forster advised this is Church Crookham not Fleet mostly. Neil

confirmed possibly, and a whole suite of options is being considered. In terms of what is deliverable, flood risk projects must be a technically feasible option to attract funding to deliver the project. In terms of funding calculator and any benefits through the scheme, he was unable to say at this time what those options may be. Councillor Forster thanked Neil for the clarification, but suspected most works were in the Church Crookham area but may possibly impact fleet.

Neil confirmed other areas at risk in HDC area were:

- Griffin Stream (Hook)
- Mill Lane, North Wanborough
- Crondall
- North Yateley
- Frogmore
- Everlsey and Lower Common

Funding for Griffin Stream and North Wanborough to do initial appraisal to potentially move these schemes forward had been agreed. Bids for funding the other areas would be made in May. It will not be possible to do all of them in one go, and some of them, like Frogmore and North Yateley will be informed by the Blackwater remodeling, so evidence is needed from that to align these.

5.2 HDC projects

[a] Mill Corner, North Wanborough - Alex advised there had not had much progress since last meeting. Legal are reviewing the agreements to be signed by the landowners, and work is still ongoing with the university who were interested in the area.

[b] Phoenix Green – Alex confirmed some progress. A full review of all the available information and the approach being undertaken to determine the best approach following approval of the grant from EA. Some issues with the EA framework in terms of timeframe, but they appear resolved now. Legal agreements with residents for when the flood mitigation measures are installed have been completed and will be circulated to residents with next round of communication. Progress will be asap, but within next couple of months.

[c] Kingsway – Very similar project to Phoenix Green. In December this was pushed back to next financial year (April) in terms of timeframes and budget allocation. Hoping to use a similar pattern and approach to Phoenix Green, will be based on same model so should move quicker.

[d] Hawley Hill – TW rejected our application for funding from the Surface Water Management Programme, but Alex has been working with Sarah and her colleague from TW and progress has been made to show evidence the Hawley

Hill Pond links to the TW network around Kingsway. Now working to identify what can be done to improve the balancing pond but the difficulty may be the evidence behind how this will be improved. This can be achieved relatively easily but the funding programme ends April 25th, so a fully evidence bid must be made by then.

Councillor Collett asked about Kingsway, as far as protection measures in new financial year are concerned will you liaise with local councillors so they can talk to residents to encourage them to be less reluctant. We know we will not solve the flooding problems but will protect people from them in the meantime and that needs to be sold to people. Other issue with Kingsway, the ditch behind back of houses and water not getting away from there to the river, is Neil envisaging the study discussed earlier will help us make case to solve these issues? Alex confirmed he will be engaging with councillors to help with uptake from residents. He went on to explain Kingsway and the surrounding areas have been looked at in terms of what help can be provided to solve the issue, as there are multiple issues, not just one singular one.

Councillor Davis asked if this is a problem with a culvert under a railway as other areas where culverts under railway lines are a problem. Pale Lane has one and floods more than once a year, and there may also be culverts blocked under railway lines at Fleet Station.

Neil advised the model will look to represent risk, and a need to work in partnership to come up with potential solutions. There are a lot of issues needing to be worked through and will be a separate process. Neil needs to make sure the model team are aware of issues in that location so they will model risk and work to address issues.

Alex confirmed Network Rail (NR) tried to clear the culvert under Kingsway but levels in the river was so high the water could not escape from the NR culvert. The river is just dropping sediment and vegetation due to the standing water, and we almost need to work backwards from the river to reduce the level there.

The culvert at Pale Lane, Alex will look into this and see if NR can look at this. Regarding Fleet Station, Alex confirmed these were the culverts from the upper to lower pond at Fleet. Alex advised from the Hart side; this is being worked on as part of Fleet Pond footpath works. Large sediments were on the other side. We are trying to get NR to clear these to prevent flooding up stream.

Philip Sheppard advised annual inspections with reservoir engineer has resulted in a growing frustration with NR to clear the ballast on the northern side. Our reservoir engineer will be writing to the Senior Government Reservoir Engineer who will write to the EA who will take action against NR to make them remove the ballast.

In terms of works going on there, they are due for completion by the end of this month, and we have now opened western side which is flowing. The eastern culvert has work starting tomorrow for next 2 weeks, so on our side the culverts will be free and open, but unfortunately the water will be stuck, but hopefully EA will get network rail to do this.

Councillor Forster felt it good this had been highlighted to EA but had HDC formally raised this with Phil Dommely, Regional Director at South Western Rail. Philip confirmed he had raised it with him directly previously, but would do so again and copy in Councillor Forster in the hope it may get resolved quicker and without timely without legal issues. Philip hoped although it fell outside Phil's remit, he may be able to persuade someone to do it before EA force them to.

Councillor Collett advised in relation to Kingsway, a network engineer from TW met with various officers and advised the problems referred to previously would only be solve by dredging a substantial area of the River Blackwater, thus lowering the water level. Where would we start with making something like that happen, how would we get significant stretch dredged to lower the water flow. Neil felt it unlikely the EA would action this as a funding stream would be needed, like a project, and how would they assign work to that, and dredging would go beyond what a typical maintenance programme would address.

Neil confirmed he was happy to look into that, but it was unlikely to be case for EA to do. However, there was a clear need for permitting discussions and he would be happy to be involved. A meeting to be set up to explore this.

Councillor Collett agreed a joint meeting, including Steve Bailey, Manager of Blackwater Valley Countryside Project to attend, would be a good starting point.

Alex will organise a meeting with relevant parties.

Councillor Southern asked as doing a model of Blackwater Valley part of that process should be the distribution and flow capabilities so no meeting should be necessary, as this should be a fundamental part of the Blackwater modelling. Neil confirmed flow data would be considered as part of the modelling, but this is talking about dredging and banks work, which is more engineering than a modelling solution which the EA is not a lead authority for this aspect, so needs to be discussed further.

5.3 HCC projects

Councillor Southern advised shopkeepers in Hartley Wintney were distressed at the impact on trade that Fleet Road was still closed for South East Water to install a pipeline was causing. It is expected to reopen on 22nd March, is this likely to happen? Keith advised South East Water does not come under him and he has no information or control over utility contracts, but he may be able to get information from their Street Works Team. Councillor Forster advised the South

East Water website details this and exactly where are 350 meters had been completed. It also showed works were on track and expected to be completed for the end of March. As they get nearer Pale Lane, they will consider opening with one way traffic lights operating, but only if it is safe. Keith confirmed the website one.network can be used for current utility situations.

[a] Highway Authority - Webbs Corner Susie updated that work progressing. The existing culvert on A327 and reading roundabout is complete but contractors come across unexpected and significant issue on Walbrook Lane drench crossing. Works to install a new pipe at a new location stated 28th February and this will be followed by a new pipe and throttle to be installed in the Walbrook House grounds to enable able to flow eastwards towards the new pipe crossing, while restricting flows to the Northwest of Walbrook Lane.

5.4 HCC Local Flood and Water Management Strategy

Susie advised an updated strategy was published in November 2020. Now moved to next stage with a suite of 18 catchment plans. These will be going out for consultation in May. The one relevant for HDC is Lodden East, and the catchment plan process has undertaken whole prioritisation process to identify which communities in Hampshire are at worst risk of flooding. 66 priority area have been identified, 11 in the Lodden East catchment, 7 in Hart. Alex will receive a link that he will forward to enable the group to comment on.

5.5 TW projects:

[a] Surface Water Management Plans – Sarah advised rainwater planters were available and it was hoped to encourage relevant organisations to apply for funding for these by end of April.

[b] Drainage and Waste Management Plans – Sarah confirmed these are industry wide long-term plans for 2050 looking at things like climate change. They are still working to a timeframe of having them out for consultation in July this year. Prior to that a newsletter will be circulated and webinars held once out for consultation.

Sarah felt Councillor Dorn's' update on Crondall very comprehensive, spring and lots of work progressed.

Carley asked if there were any reports of further flooding in London Road, as she had not received any, but they were still carrying out investigations. Councillor Southern will look into this.

6. Parish Flood Forum: Update (HDC)

Alex advised the group there had not been another meeting since the last MAFF. These meetings will now be held in February and September and Parish meetings in May and November. Alex will be passing information to the parishes very soon to get

date in diary arrange. Alex confirmed most likely to be held virtually to encourage attendance.

7. Forward Water Situation (EA & TW)

Sarah confirmed levels at Tile Barn borehole are relatively normal, boarding on below normal aligning with it being a dry winter so far. A slight increase in next 6 months is predicted, but ground water will remain in normal range.

In terms of rainfall this has been below average at 33% of long-term average rainfall. Over the next couple of months changeable weather patterns are predicted with normal to wetter conditions being seen.

8. Any Other Business

Councillor Collett asked if he was able to access a section of the meeting he was unable to attend. It was confirmed the meeting was recorded and a link to this was available at the bottom of the chat.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on Monday 12 September 2022 at 2pm.

As normal with the minutes, there will be a post-meeting note added for the responses of the various agency partners.

Meeting ended 15:47pm

CABINET

KEY DECISIONS/ WORK PROGRAMME, AND EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE

April 2022

Cabinet is required to publish its Key Decisions and forward work programme to inform the public of issues on which it intends to make policy or decisions. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee also notes the Programme, which is subject to regular revision.

Report Title	Outline/Reason for Report/Comments	Due Date	Key Decision Y? Note 1	Cabinet Member (Note 2)	Service (Note 3)	* This item may contain Exempt Information
Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan	To agree to proceed to referendum following receipt of the examiner's report	Apr 22		GC	P	
Service Plans	Post consideration by Overview & Scrutiny Committee, agree the 2022/23 Service Plans	Apr 22		DN	ALL	
Quarterly Performance Plans	To provide Cabinet plans for reports on performance data	Apr 22 Jul 22 Oct 22 Jan 23		DN	ALL	
Storm Eunice	To note the actions taken under urgency provisions	Apr 22		AO	TS	
Website Procurement	This report outlines the progress with the recent procurement exercise to partner with a digital agency in the design, build, host, and support of the corporate website	Apr 22		TC	CS	

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Outside Bodies	To approve representation from the Council on identified outside bodies	Jun 22		DN	ALL	
Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal	To endorse the CA appraisal for planning/development management purposes	Jun 22 TBC		GC	P	
Odiham Common Management Plan	For Members to adopt the Odiham Common Management Plan	Jul 22		DN	P	
Revenue and Capital Outturn 2022/2023	Post consideration by Overview & Scrutiny Committee, to consider the Annual report on outturn	Jul 22		JR	F	
Quarterly Performance Plans	To seek Cabinet approval for reports on performance data	Oct 22 Jan 23 Apr 23 Jul 23		DN	ALL	
Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Asset Management Plan	Post consideration by Overview & Scrutiny Committee, to consider the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy position and future Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Asset Management Plan	Sep 22		JR	F	

Note 1

A “key decision” means an executive decision which, is likely to -

- a) result in Council incurring expenditure or the making of savings which amount to £30,000 or 25% (whichever is the larger) of the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the area of the district of Hart.

Note 2**Cabinet Members**

DN	Leader	TC	Digital	RQ	Commercialisation (Cn)	SB	Community (Cy)
SK	Regulatory	AO	Environment	JR	Finance and Corporate Services	GC	Place

Note 3**Service:**

JCX	Joint Chief Executive	CS	Corporate Services	P	Place Services
CSF	Community Safety	PP	Planning Policy	TS	Environmental & Technical Services
F	Finance	H	Community Services		
SLS	Shared Legal Services	MO	Monitoring Officer		

Note 4

* **This item may contain Exempt Information** - Regulation 5 of the Local Authority (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

02/03/22	Cllr Radley	To obtain approval to waive the annual rent charged for the Gurkha Square Market, Fleet	No Call-In
24/03/22	Cllr Neighbour	Wellbeing Garden at Heatherside Infant School	

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME – April 2022

Issue and Description of Topic	Current Position Objective	Original Due Date	Resources Required	Contact	*This item may contain Exempt Information
Presentation by Frimley Health and Care ICS	<p>Engagement and an update with Members regarding the Frimley Health and Care ICS.</p> <p>Presentation from the Chief Executive Designate and Frimley ICS Programme Director and how it will benefit Hart and it's residents.</p>	Apr 22	Presentation with slides	Chief Executive Designate, Frimley Health and Care	
Chairman's Annual Review of the work of the Committee.	To consider the Chairman's draft report to Annual Council on the review of the work carried out in the past year by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Apr 22	Report	Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	
Outside Bodies	An update from our Outside Bodies	Apr 22	Report		
Multi Agency and Parish Flood Forum	Update from the bi-annual meeting of multi-agencies.	Apr & Nov 22	Minutes only		

No O&S meeting is held in May	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Cyber Security Seminar	Seminar and presentation for all Members.	June 22	Presentation	Joint Chief Executive	
Quarterly Budget Monitoring	Quarterly update on budget position.	Jun, Oct 22 and Feb 23	Report	Head of Corporate Service	
Revenue and Capital Outturn 2022/2023	To consider the Annual Report on outturn before consideration by Cabinet.	Jun 22	Report	Head of Corporate Services	
Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Asset Management Plan	To comment on the annual reports setting out the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy position and future Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Asset Management Plan, prior to consideration by Cabinet.	Aug 22	Report	Head of Corporate Services	
Annual Review Letter 2022/23	This annual review from the Ombudsman covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the complaints and enquiries received in the period the decisions made in the period 	Aug 22	Report	Joint Chief Executive	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> compliance with the recommendations recorded during the period 				
Corporate Risk Register (half-year review)	The Committee to review the content of the Corporate Risk Register.	Nov 22	Report	Audit Manager	
Draft Budget	To make comments on the draft 2022/23 Budget prior to consideration by Cabinet.	Jan 23	Report	Head of Corporate	
Service Panel reviews	Feedback from Members of the Service Panel for the four service areas: Community, Corporate, Environment and Technical and Place Services.	3 times a year – meeting dates tbc	Feedback and written notes.	Heads of Service	