



SUMMONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE HART DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THURSDAY, 21ST MAY 2020 AT 7.00 PM

Joint Chief Executive

CIVIC OFFICES, HARLINGTON WAY
FLEET, HAMPSHIRE GU51 4AE

AGENDA

This meeting is being administered under the provisioning of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meeting) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. The Provision made in this regulation applies notwithstanding any prohibition or other restriction contained in the standing orders or any other rules of the Council governing the meeting and such prohibition or restriction had no effect.

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1 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Chairman to seek Council agreement to suspend Standing Order, 9.3 (Show of Hands for Voting), 22.1 (Standing to Speak) and 22.2 (Chairman Standing).

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman from among the Councillors of the District.

3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

To elect a Vice Chairman from among the Councillors of the District.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 6 - 17)

To confirm the Minutes of meetings of the Council held on 27 February 2020 and 30 April 2020.

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence from Members*.

***Note:** Members are asked to email Committee services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disposable pecuniary, and any other interests*.

***Note:** Members are asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they may have an interest to declare.

7 CHAIRMAN'S AND JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements from the Chairman and the Joint Chief Executives.

8 POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS

Under the Coronavirus Act 2020 (para 60) all elections are postponed until May 2021. A Councillor who would otherwise, pursuant to section 7 or 16 of the Local Government Act 1972 (Elections of Councillors), retire after the ordinary day of election in 2020 is instead to retire after the ordinary day of election in 2021; and the Councillor's term of office is extended accordingly.

Ward	Councillor	Party	Term Expires
Blackwater & Hawley	Blewett	LD	2021
Crookham East	Radley	CCH	2021
Crookham West & Ewshot	Ambler	CCH	2021
Fleet Central	Makepeace-Browne	CCH	2021
Fleet East	Wright	C	2021
Fleet West	Forster	C	2021
Hartley Wintney	Crampton	C	2021
Hook	Tomlinson	C	2021
Odiham	Kennett	C	2021
Yateley East	Cockarill	LD	2021
Yateley West	Crisp	LD	2021

Note: There is a vacancy at this time in Crookham West and Ewshot Ward. Para 61 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 postpones all other elections including by-elections and referenda until such time as specified in Regulations to be issued by the Secretary of State.

9 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Consent to the continuation of Councillor David Neighbour as Leader of the Council for a further three year term (see Article 2, Paragraph 2.6, of the Constitution).

The Leader of the Council to confirm the composition of Cabinet.

10 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

To receive nominations from the Political Group Leaders and then to appoint Councillors to serve on each of the following Committees to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions:

(THE FIGURES ARE CALCULATED ON **PROVISIONAL** PARTY GROUPS)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>CCH</u>	<u>Lib-Dem</u>	<u>To be allocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Audit*	2	2	2	1	7
Licensing	4	3	3	1	11
Overview & Scrutiny ***	4	3	3	1	11
Crime and Disorder Joint Scrutiny	1	1	1	0	3
Five Partnership Councils Joint Committee				2	2
Planning**	4	3	3	1	11
Standards	2	2	2	0	6 †
Staffing	2	2	2	0	6 †
Appeals	2	2	2	0	6

† Committee size adjusted to take proportionality implications into consideration

Notes:

* No Members of the Cabinet will be Members of the Audit Committee.

** It is Council practice that membership of the Planning Committee will comprise the maximum of one representative from each Ward, provided this is consistent with the rules on political balance.

*** No Members of the Cabinet will be Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

To confirm membership of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2020/21

- i Six District Councillors (as above)
- ii One Lay Person (Peter Kern)
- iii Three Parish Members to be appointed by Hart District Association of Parish and Town Councils.
- iv To confirm the continuation of Howard Linsley and Peter Moore as Independent Persons under the Localism Act for a further three year term.

11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

The Chairman will take nominations for Chairmen of each of the Committees*, and Members of each Committee will elect its Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year. The Committees will subsequently elect their respective Vice-Chairman at their first meeting.

***Note:** Article 2, Paragraph 2.6 of the Constitution states that a Councillor may not be Chairman of any committee of the Council, for more than three consecutive years without the consent of the Council.

12 ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Pages 18 - 22)

The Chairman of the 2019/20 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Crookes, to present the Committee's Annual Report.

Date of Publication: Wednesday, 13 May 2020

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 27 February 2020 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Wheale - (Chairman)

Ambler	Davies	Oliver
Axam	Delaney	Quarterman
Bailey	Dorn	Radley
Blewett	Drage	Smith
Butler	Farmer	Tomlinson
Clarke	Forster	Wildsmith
Cockarill	Kennett	Worlock
Crampton	Kinnell	Wright
Crisp	Makepeace-Browne	
Crookes	Neighbour	

Officers Present:

Patricia Hughes	Joint Chief Executive
Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Andrew Vallance	Head of Corporate Services
Ken Trotter	Capita
Gill Chapman	Committee Services

60 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Collings, Lamb and Southern.

62 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

63 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

No questions received.

64 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions received.

65 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had attended the following events on behalf of the Council.

1 February Everyone Active “Active for all Afternoon” at Hart Leisure Centre
15 February Pelly Concert Orchestra Valentine Concert, Elvetham Heath
18 February Lions Charity Dinner, Gurkha Inn Restaurant, Fleet

66 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, **Councillor Radley** reported:

Members will be delighted to learn that we have good news from both of our leisure centres.

The Frogmore Leisure Centre’s refurbishment work is going well and should complete ahead of schedule, certainly before the end of March.

January saw attendance records broken yet again with our highest ever attendance across both Leisure Centres, with 71,985 visits overall. This is an increase of 1,070 over the previous record set in March 2019. The attendance at Hart Leisure Centre was itself an individual record with 58,511 visits, an increase of 1,595 over the previous high also set in March of last year.

The Cabinet Member for Place, **Councillor Cockarill**, announced

I am delighted to confirm to Full Council that we have received the Inspector’s Report on our Local Plan and he has found the Plan to be sound. We can now move on to the final stage, which is to adopt the Local Plan, next month.

Members will know how long this process has been and I wish to put on record my thanks for all of the hard work that has been put in on this project over many years, by both our staff and by fellow and former councillors, from all parties and none. I would also like to thank the Planning Policy team at East Hants, who put in a lot of work to help get us to this point.

The Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, **Councillor Quarterman**, reported:

I have been in discussion with the Commercial Manager and the Joint Chief Executives about how best to keep members informed of progress on our commercialisation strategy, given the confidential nature of the subject. I have agreed with Councillor Crookes that the most appropriate way of doing this will be through a quarterly confidential briefing to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which may be attended by any members of the Council. The format will consist of a briefing paper from the Commercial Manager and myself, followed by an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions. These sessions will take place using the existing

protocols for confidentiality, and will not be minuted. The first of these briefings will take place at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 17 March.

67 JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' REPORT

The Joint Chief Executives reported that the Examiners Report on the Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan would be considered at a special, one item agenda, Cabinet meeting after the Council meeting on 26 March.

68 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny (draft)	21 January 2020

No questions asked.

Standards (draft)	20 January 2020
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No questions asked.

Minute 7 - Allegations Against Councillors

Councillor Clarke put the recommendation, seconded by Councillor Crampton

RESOLVED

That the updated Arrangements for Dealing with Allegations be adopted.

Minute 8 - Petitions Protocol

Councillor Clarke put the recommendation, seconded by Councillor Crampton

RESOLVED

That the updated Petitions Protocol be approved.

Cabinet (draft)	6 February 2020
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No questions asked.

Minute 97 - Budget 2020/ 2021 (See item 10 below)

Minute 98 taken after item 10 - see below.

Staffing (draft)	11 February 2020
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No questions asked.

Minute 6 - Pay Policy Statement

Councillor Kennett put the recommendation, seconded by Councillor Drage.

RESOLVED

That the Pay Policy 2020/2021 be approved.

Minute 10 - Review of Market Supplements for Heads of Service

Councillor Kennett put the recommendation, seconded by Councillor Neighbour.

RESOLVED

That the creation of 'spot pay points' for Heads of Service be approved. Subject to any job descriptions being altered.

Planning (draft)

12 February 2020

No questions asked.

69 BUDGET 2020/2021

Council considered the summary of Cabinet's revenue and capital budget recommendations for 2020/2021, enabling Council to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2020/21. The report also included the Head of Corporate Services' (Section 151) statutory statement to Council on the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves.

Councillor Radley put the recommendation, seconded by Councillor Neighbour.

Members considered the potential pressures and loss of funding streams for next year, climate change, commercialisation, garden community and parking.

After debate a Recorded Vote was taken:

FOR the Recommendation: Ambler, Axam, Bailey, Blewett, Butler, Clarke, Cockarill, Crisp, Davies, Delaney, Drage, Kinnell, Makepeace-Browne, Neighbour, Oliver, Quarterman, Radley, Smith, Wildsmith (19)

AGAINST the Recommendation: Crampton, Crookes, Dorn, Farmer, Forster, Worlock, Wright (7)

ABSTENTIONS: Kennett, Tomlinson, Wheale (3)

The Recommendation was therefore CARRIED

DECISION

- I. That the Council Tax Base for 2020/21 be noted
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 41,105.34 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates.

2. The Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is £7,269,068
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 and 34 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £39,593,084 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) £28,928,542 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £10,664,542 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act).
 - (d) £259.44 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) £3,395,474 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
 - (f) £176.84 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
 - (g) The amounts set out for each part of the Council's area being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34 of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.
 - (h) The amounts set out for each part of the Council's area being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 2 That it be noted that for the year 2020/21 the Hampshire County Council, and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings below:

3	Valuation Band	Hampshire County Council	HCC Adult Social Care	Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire	Hampshire Fire & Rescue
		(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
	A(R)	652.47	62.13	117.48	38.37
	A	782.97	74.55	140.97	46.04
	B	913.46	86.98	164.47	53.71
	C	1,043.96	99.40	187.96	61.39
	D	1,174.45	111.83	211.46	69.06
	E	1,435.44	136.68	258.45	84.41
	F	1,696.43	161.53	305.44	99.75
	G	1,957.42	186.38	352.43	115.10
	H	2,348.90	223.66	422.92	138.12

That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 2 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings in each of the Parishes.

- 4 That for the purposes of section 35 (2) (d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, any expenses incurred by the District Council in the financial year 2020/21 in performing functions in a part of the district which elsewhere in the district are performed by a Parish Council, shall not be special expenses of the District Council.
- 5 That the Council concluded the £5 increase in Council Tax for Hart District Council for 2020/21 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992
- 6 That the Head of Corporate Services in consultation with the Cabinet member for Finance be given delegated authority to amend the final council tax calculations in the event of approved changes from the other precepting authorities.
- 7 That the fees and charges for 2020/21 be approved.
- 8 That the budget be approved.
- 9 That the revised Capital Programme for 2019/20 to 2020/21 be approved.
- 10 That the Section 151 officer's statutory report regarding the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves be noted.

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Minute 98 - Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy Statement, and Asset Management Plan

Councillor Radley put the recommendation, seconded by Councillor Neighbour.

RESOLVED

- 1 The Capital Strategy be approved
- 2 The Treasury Management Strategy Statement be approved, noting the increase in the Capital Financing Requirement, the Minimum Revenue Provision statement and the increase of limits to borrowing activity
- 3 The Asset Management Plan be approved.

70 HOOK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – BRINGING INTO LEGAL FORCE

Following a positive referendum result for the Hook Neighbourhood Plan, Council were asked to bring the Neighbourhood Plan into legal force to form part of the statutory development plan for Hart District.

Members acknowledged the hard work and commitment that had gone into the Hook Neighbourhood Plan and congratulated everyone involved on the successful outcome.

DECISION

That under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the Hook Neighbourhood Plan be 'made' (brought into legal force) to form part of the statutory Hart Development Plan with immediate effect.

71 OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Radley reported on a meeting of the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee and the airspace changes.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 30 April 2020 at 7.00 pm

Place: Virtually online and Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Dorn - Chairman

Ambler	Drage	Radley
Axam	Farmer	Smith
Bailey	Forster	Southern
Blewett	Kennett	Tomlinson
Butler	Kinnell	Wildsmith
Clarke	Lamb	Worlock
Cockarill	Makepeace-Browne	Wright
Crampton	Neighbour	
Crookes	Oliver	
Davies	Quarterman	
Delaney		

Officers Present:

Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Mark Jaggard	Head of Place
Gill Chapman	Committee Services
Helen Vincent	Committee Services

72 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council agreed to the suspension of Standing Orders nos 9.1 and 9.2 (Chairing of the Meeting), 9.3 (Show of Hands for Voting), 22.1 (Standing to Speak) and 22.2 (Chairman Standing).

73 CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN

Members confirmed that the Chairman for this meeting only would be Councillor Dorn.

74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Crisp, Harward and Wheale.

75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

76 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman confirmed the Virtual Meeting Procedures and rules of debate as set out in the Crib.

77 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Under Rule 14.2 **Councillor Farmer** asked the Portfolio Holder for Place the following question:

With reference to the **Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Hart Local Plan (April 2020)**, published as (**Appendix 2: Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement**) for consideration with Recommendation B of the paper for **ADOPTION OF THE HART LOCAL PLAN (STRATEGY & SITES) 2032**.

Two amendments have recently been made to this report and we were notified of these changes on the afternoon of Friday 24th April 2020.

In section 2.5, **SA Report Addendum (March 2019)**, under the section **Appraisal of proposed modifications**, paragraphs 2.5.4 and 2.5.5 have both been deleted, originally published as follows:

2.5.4

However, it was a challenge to conclude with any certainty that either change leads to implications for the sustainability baseline / achievement of sustainability objectives. With regards to housing numbers, it is only increases in housing supply that enable sustainability considerations to be attributed with any certainty, although to increase the requirement would likely lead to a review of the Plan being needed sooner, which would be a positive from a housing perspective with tensions in respect of some community and environmental objectives.

2.5.5

With regards to the deletion of the new settlement area of search, this was effectively the deletion of a process to start a DPD, and not a deletion of a new settlement allocation. The DPD process may be replaced in time with a different process, most likely the next local plan, which would be subject to its own SA with a range of reasonable alternatives 'on the table'.

Why were these paragraphs deleted from the report that was originally published and why so late, less than a week before tonight's Full Council Meeting?

Councillor Cockarill responded:

The background to the change is straightforward. It is entirely an Officer decision, using their professional judgement to seek an adjustment to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Adoption Statement at Appendix 2.

In the first instance, they were responding to issues raised by some Members last week. The Officers reviewed the SA and reread para 2.5.5. They concluded that the

wording used in para 2.5.5 was incorrect and indeed it could be misconstrued as to its intent and interpretation.

The Officers were also concerned that upon reflection the wording of para 2.5.5 of the SA was also directly in conflict with the Local Plan itself.

I draw your attention to the Inspector's Main Modifications in the paper attached as Appendix 1a page 56. This Modification states:

"The Council will review the policies in this Plan within five years of adoption to assess whether they need updating. Policies will then be updated where necessary.

An early review (ie prior to the five year period expiring) could be triggered by:

- Results of annual monitoring on the effectiveness of the plan in line with the Plan's Monitoring Framework and having particular regard to the monitoring of housing delivery;*
- Significant changes to national planning policy and/or legislation;*
- Duty to co-operate issues, particularly addressing housing and employment needs within the Housing Market Area/ Functional Economic Area (which comprises Hart, Rushmoor and Surrey Heath administrative areas); and*
- Any other reasons that render the Plan, or part of it, out of date.*

The AMR will report on the issues above and whether these will trigger a review:

In addition, the Council has an aspiration to plan ahead for long term growth needs. This would reduce the risk of policies (particularly housing policies) becoming out of date and would provide greater certainty over the longer term. All reasonable growth options, including the potential for a new settlement, would need to be fully considered and evidenced in a future review of the Plan or a subsequent DPD.

So, it was quite proper, even at this late stage, for the Officers to react to an issue highlighted and to seek a view from the SA consultant and ask that it be made clear that the SA had to be consistent with the Plan itself and that two irrelevant paragraphs (for the SA purposes) be removed from the SA report so that the SA avoided any conflict with the Inspector's findings and recommendations.

Councillor Farmer asked as Supplementary Question:

I thank Cllr. Cockarill for what was a comprehensive answer but given the timing of the report I do believe it was important for these deletions to be transparent and for us to understand the process by which they had taken place and for Cllr. Cockarill to further comment and clarify. Based upon his response, I assume that my understanding is therefore correct that, as Portfolio Holder for Place, he did not actually approve the deletion of these paragraphs before the report was issued?"

Councillor Cockarill responded:

Well thank you for the subsequent follow up. I had a conversation with officers to advise me of the issue but I did not give them a specific approval - it wasn't my place to tell them what to do, so they advised me in consultation, at that point, that that's what they were going to do.

78 **ADOPTION OF THE HART LOCAL PLAN (STRATEGY & SITES) 2032**

Members were asked to adopt the Hart Local Plan (Strategy & Sites) 2032 in line with the Inspector's recommendations (including the Inspector's Main Modifications).

Councillor Cockarill proposed the recommendation and Councillor Radley seconded.

Members spoke in support of the Local Plan and the hard work put in by Officers and were also comforted by the changes to the Sustainability Appraisal.

It was agreed that the Recommendation would be voted on as four separate items (paragraphs A-D). Members asked for a recorded vote.

Recommendation A - Adopt the Hart Local Plan (Strategy & Sites) 2032 [Proposed Submission Version incorporating the Inspector's recommended Main Modifications (Appendix I to the report)].

FOR the Recommendation: Ambler, Axa, Bailey, Blewett, Butler, Clarke, Cockarill, Crampton, Crookes, Davies, Delaney, Dorn, Drage, Farmer, Forster, Kennett, Kinnell, Lamb, Makepeace-Browne, Neighbour, Oliver, Quarterman, Radley, Smith, Southern, Tomlinson, Wildsmith, Worlock, Wright

As this was unanimous Recommendation A was CARRIED.

Recommendation B - Agree the content of the updated April 2020 Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (Appendix 2 to the report);

FOR the Recommendation: Ambler, Axa, Bailey, Blewett, Butler, Clarke, Cockarill, Crookes, Davies, Delaney, Dorn, Drage, Kinnell, Lamb, Makepeace-Browne, Neighbour, Oliver, Quarterman, Radley, Smith, Wildsmith, Worlock,

AGAINST the Recommendation: None

ABSTENTIONS: Crampton, Farmer, Forster, Kennett, Southern, Tomlinson, Wright

Recommendation B was therefore CARRIED.

Recommendation C - Adopt a new Policies Map for Hart that incorporates the Policies Map changes associated with adoption of the Hart Local Plan 2032;

FOR the Recommendation: Ambler, Axa, Bailey, Blewett, Butler, Clarke, Cockarill, Crampton, Crookes, Davies, Delaney, Dorn, Drage, Farmer, Forster, Kennett, Kinnell, Lamb, Makepeace-Browne, Neighbour, Oliver, Quarterman, Radley, Smith, Southern, Tomlinson, Wildsmith, Worlock, Wright

Recommendation C was therefore CARRIED.

Recommendation D - Authorise the Head of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Place to make minor alterations and corrections to the Local Plan and the updated Policies Map¹

FOR the Recommendation: Ambler, Axam, Bailey, Blewett, Butler, Clarke, Cockarill, Crampton, Crookes, Davies, Delaney, Dorn, Drage, Farmer, Forster, Kennett, Kinnell, Lamb, Makepeace-Browne, Neighbour, Oliver, Quarterman, Radley, Smith, Southern, Tomlinson, Wildsmith, Worlock, Wright

Recommendation was CARRIED.

All parts of the Recommendation being carried, the Decision had been agreed as follows:

DECISION

- A. That the Hart Local Plan (Strategy & Sites) 2032 [Proposed Submission Version incorporating the Inspector's recommended Main Modifications attached at Appendix 1] be adopted.
- B. That the content of the updated April 2020 Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement at Appendix 2 be agreed.
- C. That a new Policies Map for Hart that incorporates the Policies Map changes associated with adoption of the Hart Local Plan 2032 be adopted.
- D. That the Head of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Place, be authorised to make minor alterations and corrections to the Local Plan and the updated Policies Map.

The meeting closed at 7.37 pm

¹ Any alterations agreed to be circulated to Members for their information

ANNUAL COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 21 MAY 2020

TITLE OF REPORT: **REVIEW OF THE WORK OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST YEAR 2019/20**

Report of: **Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

I PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to Council on the work of Overview & Scrutiny Committee over the past year 2019/20.

2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the report and the subsequent actions taken be noted.

3 WHAT IS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY?

3.1 Although not a decision-making body, effective Overview and Scrutiny has enormous potential to influence and inform decisions made by both the Council and partner bodies affecting the District.

3.2 The Committee can review and scrutinise any matters which affect the Council, its area or the residents of that area, in order to provide greater transparency and accountability in the delivery of local services.

3.3 The following key roles were identified as areas which Overview and Scrutiny should be concerned with in Hart:

- Holding the Cabinet to account (through acting as a “critical friend”), which may include reviewing decisions taken by Cabinet, but not yet implemented, via the ‘call-in’ procedure;
- Monitoring Council performance;
- Reviewing policy;
- Developing policy; and
- Scrutinising externally issues of public concern which may affect the Council and its delivery of services.

3.4 The Committee comprises 11 members. All Hart Councillors are eligible to sit on the Committee, except for members of the Cabinet. No Councillor can be involved in the scrutiny of a decision with which he/she has been directly involved. The Committee is chaired by a member of the main opposition party.

3.5 An important part of the role of the Committee is through the use of Service Boards. These comprise Lead Service Portfolio Holders and a small number of Overview & Scrutiny members who are appointed to look in depth at particular issues and their recommendations, which may suggest a change in policy or service

provision. These are submitted to Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration and onward recommendation is appropriate.

- 3.6** This year however, it must be acknowledged that the current Service Board arrangements were not working, with Boards being cancelled essentially due to lack of Member engagement and feedback. The recommendation to next year's Committee is that it should review Service Board arrangements to enable more effective arrangements to be put in place to monitor performance and scrutinise progress against Service Plans.

4 REVIEW OF 2019/20 AND THE ACTIONS TAKEN

4.1 Regular reports -

Quarterly performance/budget monitoring/Risk Management /RIPA/Flooding

4.2 Regular annual one off reports -

Treasury Management/ 2017/18 Outturn Position/ MTFS/ Draft Budget / Service Plans/ Corporate Risk Register/Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review Letter, Update on use of Body Worn Video.

- 4.3 Service Boards –** It had been agreed that the current Service Board arrangements were not working, with Boards being cancelled essentially due to lack of Member engagement and feedback. In July 2019 it was agreed that Heads of Service would be invited to attend meetings to update the Committee on the progress of each service.

- 4.4 Service level Agreements (SLAs) –** It had been agreed that organisations with SLAs would attend for discussion on performance against SLA.

4.5 Individual Items of Note

4.5.1 June 2019

HART VOLUNTARY ACTION - Caroline Winchurch, Chief Executive Officer, Hart Voluntary Action attended for discussion on performance against SLA.

CHANGES TO HART'S RECYCLING BRING SITES - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

FLEET PARKING SCHEME PROPOSAL - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

FLEET TOWN COUNCIL, GURKHA SQUARE MARKET - considered before Cabinet approval was sought. *This report was not for publication and the public were therefore excluded.*

SHARED LICENSING SERVICE 2019 TO 2024: PROPOSED VISION – Members considered the proposed Vision which was supported and recommended to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

COMMERCIALISATION STRATEGY: STRAND C (DIGITALISATION) DRAFT
DIGITAL STRATEGY - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

4.5.2 July 2019

INCLUSION HAMPSHIRE - Cheryl Edwards, Inclusion Hampshire, attended for discussion on performance against SLA.

STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN LOCAL AND COMBINED AUTHORITIES - Committee members took the opportunity to clarify anything that was not clear to them from the new statutory guidance recently issued by the Government on Overview and Scrutiny in local authorities.

CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UPDATE - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

4.5.3 August 2019

FLEET PHOENIX - Charlotte Tickner, Chief Executive Officer of Fleet Phoenix, attended for discussion on performance against SLA.

HART DISTRICT COUNCIL VISION 2040 - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

FIVE COUNCILS CORPORATE SERVICES CONTRACTS – Members considered the current position of the Council's contracts for corporate services. *Appendices 3 and 4 of this report were not for publication and the public were therefore excluded.*

4.5.4 September 2019

HART CITIZENS ADVICE - Sally Plank, Chief Executive Officer, Hart Citizens Advice, attended to present on performance against SLA for 2018-19.

SERVICE PERFORMANCE - John Elson, Head of Environment and Technical Services, attended to discuss service performance.

IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN HART: OUR PLAN 2019 – 2024 - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

HART STREET CARE SERVICES - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICE - Overview and Scrutiny were asked to note the intention to undertake an independent, external review of the Development Management (DM) service and to consider any particular issues that the review should focus upon.

GARDEN COMMUNITY PROGRAMME - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

4.5.5 October 2019

SERVICE PERFORMANCE - The Head of Community Services, Kirsty Jenkins, attended to discuss service performance.

FLY TIPPING UPDATE - The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were provided with an update on the actual incidence of fly tipping in the District and the Council's arrangements for managing fly-tipping.

HOUSING STRATEGY - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

4.5.6 November 2019

SERVICE PERFORMANCE - The Head of Corporate Services, Andrew Vallance, attended to discuss service performance.

4.5.7 December 2019

SERVICE PERFORMANCE - The new Head of Place, Mark Jaggard introduced his broad vision for the service.

INSURANCE: OFFER FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUTUAL - considered before Cabinet approval was sought. *Appendices of this report were not for publication and the public were therefore excluded.*

GARDEN COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

REVIEW OF HART PARKING CHARGES - The Committee's views were sought on proposed changes to Hart's car parking charges.

4.5.8 January 2020

DOG FOULING PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21 - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

4.5.9 February 2020

SERVICE PERFORMANCE - The Head of Environment and Technical Services, John Elson, attended to discuss service performance.

LOCAL DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATE RELIEF SCHEME 2019/20 - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

COMMUNITY GARDEN AT EDENBROOK COUNTRY PARK - considered before Cabinet approval was sought.

RIPA POLICY AND PROCEDURES - Members considered the RIPA Policy and procedures for approval.

FIVE COUNCILS CORPORATE SERVICES CONTRACTS - Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the current position with regard to the contract for corporate services entered into with the Five Councils' Partnership. This report had been considered by Cabinet at its February meeting. *This report was not for publication and the public were therefore excluded.*

4.5.10 March and April 2019

Unfortunately the Coronavirus emergency meant that these two meetings had to be cancelled.

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