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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

Present:

Dorn (Chairman), Blewett, Butcher, Coburn, Davies, Farmer, Kinnell, Makepeace-Browne, Smith and Wildsmith

In attendance: Lamb (substitute), Forster

Officers: Hughes, Joint Chief Executive
Lord, Committee & Member Services Officer

1 CYBER SECURITY TRAINING

This item was deferred until a later date and will be confirmed to the Members in due course.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Smith was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2022/23

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 19th April 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from

Councillor Axaam (substitute Councillor Makepeace-Browne)

Councillor Butler (substitute Councillor Kinnell)

Councillor Engström (substitute Councillor Lamb)

Councillor Woods.(substitute Councillor Blewett)

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations made.

6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone and outlined the duties of the committee in its role as 'Critical Friend' to Cabinet.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

None.

8 NOMINATIONS TO SERVICE BOARDS, PLANNING SCRUTINY PANEL, AND HOUSING COMPANY SCRUTINY

Members debated membership including a query regarding the previous Development Management and Peer Review Panel, and the Planning (Development) panel. A written response would be provided however it was understood that these would now be dealt with via the Service Panels.

Members agreed that as the Housing Development Opportunity Group is due to meet tomorrow, membership would stand as existing and membership would be reviewed at the next Overview and Scrutiny Meeting.

Membership of the Service panels was discussed.

Decision: The Service Panels would be as follows

Community - Councillors Butcher, Butler and Wildsmith
Corporate Services – Councillors Axam, Farmer and Smith
Place – Councillors Coburn, Davies and Engström
Environment and Technical Services – Councillors Axam, Farmer and Woods

Membership of the Housing Company Scrutiny Panel was discussed and confirmation provided that at present, they meet twice a year.

DECISION: The Housing Company Scrutiny Panel would be as follows

Councillors Davies, Engström, Farmer and Smith

9 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

Members identified that Overview and Scrutiny would not always have the ability to debate all reports that were due for consideration by Cabinet.

It was felt that this would be limit Overview and Scrutiny's ability to be a 'Critical Friend' and it would also be detrimental as Overview and scrutiny often requested more information that could assist Cabinet in the decision-making progress.

It was clarified that not all reports would routinely come to Overview and Scrutiny unless they were Key Decisions, or they had been requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

10 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Members debated the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme including

- The County Deal and the all Member Briefing
- The timing of the UKSPF investment plan submission
- Odiham Common Management Plan
- Cross Party Working Groups was raised and the ability to raise issues with respective Group Members on those working groups, or directly at Cabinet meetings and that for transparency, their minutes are published, to Cabinet
- Whilst noting Overview and Scrutiny does not control the work programme of Cabinet, it noted that if reports on the following subjects were coming forward, they would like to see them in advance of Cabinet, Civic Quarter Regeneration, The Green Grid, Climate Change, Off Street Parking, Hart Housing (a mid-term review as well as an annual review) which as noted would be facilitated by two Housing Company Scrutiny Panel meetings

DECISION: The work programme with the above additions was agreed

The meeting closed at 7.56 pm