

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at Shire Hall, Warwick at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor Milton (Chair); Councillors Armstrong, Barton, Browne, Day, Dray, Luckhurst, Payne, Redford, Russell and C Wightman.

82. **Apologies and Substitutes**

- (a) Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Harrison.
- (b) Councillor Dray substituted for Councillor Collins.

83. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

84. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 23 January 2024 and 6 February 2024 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

85. **Work Programme, Forward Plan and Comments from Cabinet**

The Committee considered its Work Programme for 2024/25 as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report; in particular the following two items detailed on page 5 of Appendix 1 to the report:

- a. Leisure Services Provider 2017 (contract ref WDC0108); and
- b. Homelessness.

The Committee also considered the responses Cabinet had made to the reports the Committee had scrutinised at its meeting on 5 March 2024, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

The Chair invited Members to discuss the content they wished to see from the two reports. These points would be related to the report authors and relevant Portfolio Holders.

Leisure Services Provider 2017

Members asked for the following information to be provided in the report that would come to the 13 November 2024 meeting:

- What were the risks that the Council saw in the contract, and what were the risks that the contractors saw in the contract.
- What were the future challenges.
- How was the current contract performing financially/in terms of the level of service for customers.
- The objectives for the contract including the impacts on health and well-being across the District.

- How do the Council benchmark performance (and what was benchmarked).
- How was it anticipated that the service would develop in the future.
- The Committee also discussed seeing some of this against the backdrop of total leisure provision (including private) across the District.

Homelessness

Members asked for the following information to be provided in the report:

- What was the statutory responsibility of the Council in terms of Homelessness.
- What was the picture of homelessness in the District/what were the causes/what was the Council's response like and what agencies were involved/ how was the difference between homelessness and rough sleepers distinguished.
- What was the impact of temporary accommodation.
- What was the communication like between the Council and people who were homelessness.

The Committee requested that this report be brought to the 30 July 2024 meeting.

The Committee also requested that the Climate Change Action Programme Update which was on the Work Programme for the 26 March 2024 meeting, should be moved to the 30 July 2024 meeting.

The Committee noted Appendix 2 to the report – Comments from the Cabinet

(The meeting ended at 6.45pm)

CHAIR
13 May 2024