

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29 May 2019 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 7.45pm.

Present: Councillor Davison (Chairman); Councillors; Ashford, Boad, Cullinan, A Dearing, Kohler, Milton, Murphy, and Sanghera.

4. Apologies and Substitutes

- (a) there were no apologies for absence received; and
- (b) Councillor Ashford substituted for Councillor Redford.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the correction of Councillor Davison's name misspelt as "Davidson" in minute 98.

The Chairman agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 could also be considered for approval. The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The Committee discussed how health and wellbeing matters concerning the Council should be scrutinised; whether they should continue to be dealt with by the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee, or if these matters should be re-absorbed into the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. It was recognised that the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee had taken a long while to find its feet and had only recently started doing scrutiny work. It was the view of Members that the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee should continue for the time being, but that after two meetings, a report should be presented to Overview & Scrutiny Committee, recommending a way forward and if the Sub-Committee should continue.

Resolved that

- (1) the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee need not be politically proportionate in its membership;
- (2) Councillors Cullinan, A Dearing, Noone and Redford should form the membership of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee, with all other Members of Overview & Scrutiny Committee acting as substitute Members; and
- (3) a report should come to Overview & Scrutiny Committee following two meetings of the

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee recommending whether the Sub-Committee should continue or be disbanded, or if health and wellbeing scrutiny should be re-absorbed back into the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

(Councillor Boad joined the meeting during discussion of this item.)

8. Review of the Work Programme, Forward Plan and Comments from the Executive

The Committee considered its work programme for 2019-2020 and the Forward Plan.

Councillor Boad suggested that the Committee should do work on an Affordable Housing Business Plan. The Committee could look at the type of build processes being used to provide affordable housing in a timely manner, and suggested such methods as system build. The Deputy Chief Executive (BH) advised that the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property would be attending the Committee meeting in August, and the Deputy Chief Executive would brief both him and the Head of Housing Services so that they would be in a position to discuss how the Committee could best help add value to the report that would be going to Executive, and whether there was benefit in doing this work through a Task & Finish Group.

Resolved that:

- (1) Affordable Housing Business Plan be added to the Work Programme at a date to be determined following consultation with the Portfolio Holder - Housing & Property and the Head of Housing Services at the meeting in August 2019;
- (2) a report on Affordable Housing Delivery against Local plan targets by year be presented at the July 2019 meeting;
- (3) the Housing & Property Service Area Update in August 2019 should also include details on fire protection works on the Council's own housing stock; and
- (4) the Grenfell report should be moved back from July to August 2019.

(The meeting ended at 9.20 pm)


CHAIRMAN
9 July 2019