Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Wednesday 7 April 2021 at 6.00pm, which was broadcast live via the Council's YouTube Channel.

Present: Councillor Milton (Chair); Councillors; Cullinan, Davison, A Dearing, Jacques, Kohler, Margrave, Noone, Norris, Redford and Russell.

Also Present: Councillor Cooke.

50. Apologies and Substitutes

There were no apologies for absence or substitutions made.

51. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

52. Executive Agenda (Non-Confidential items and reports) – Wednesday 14 April 2021.

The Committee considered the following item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Joint Cabinet /Executive Committee of Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils on Wednesday 14 April 2021.

Item 4 – South Warwickshire Local Plan – Scoping Report

The Committee thanked the report authors for their comprehensive work on the report. The Committee discussed the report and made the following recommendations:

- 1. The document should make it clear the plan is being developed at a strategic high level and that certain local plan policies (e.g. HMOs, student accommodation) will continue to exist unaffected.
- 2. That all the questions asked in the report should be reviewed to take into account the audience they were aimed at to ensure, wherever possible, plain English is used.
- 3. That in respect to affordable housing there was a need to look at housing needs within the district to ensure that an appropriate policy is adopted.
- 4. The position relating to Gypsy and Traveller sites should be addressed more clearly.
- 5. That the Council should aim for a plan in which all new housing should be required to be carbon zero.
- 6. That there is effective engagement with parish councils and that they understand any impacts on their own parish/neighbourhood plans.
- 7. Analysis of responses should ensure that they build an understanding of the distinct view of different interest groups e.g. developers, parish councils and members of the public.

(The meeting ended at 7.48pm)