

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 June 2022 in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Milton (Chair); Councillors Barton, Kohler, Leigh-Hunt, Quinney and Syson.

10. Apologies and Substitutes

- (a) Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davison, A Dearing, J Dearing, and Redford.
- (b) Councillor Quinney substituted for Councillor Cullinan.

11. Declarations of Interest

Minute number 13 – Item 4 – South Warwickshire Local Plan – Settlement Analysis Evidence Report

Councillor Quinney declared an interest during discussion of the Joint Cabinet/Executive Committee report because he was a member of the South Warwickshire Local Plan PAB.

12. Minutes

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 12 April 2022, 10 May 2022 and 24 May 2022 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record. A correction to the already approved minutes 8 March 2022 was confirmed with minute number 50 being changed to minute number 59.

13. Joint Cabinet/Executive Committee Agenda – Wednesday 29 June 2022

Item 4 – South Warwickshire Local Plan – Settlement Analysis Evidence Report

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) was keen that we stayed close to housing demand numbers and interrogated them when they were published along with the requirements for infrastructure within the areas;
- (2) wished to know when the budget shortfall would be addressed; and
- (3) requested that information should be added to the report up front to provide clarity on:
 - a. how the greenbelt was impacted (or not) by this report and when that would be addressed.
 - b. the definition of a twenty-minute neighbourhood, with examples provided, for people to better understand the concept;
 - c. densities and the impact these might have had on future issues and options; and
 - d. the distinction/difference between the Scoping and Call for Sites consultation results and the analysis done in this report and at what stage the results from both would come together.

The Committee recommended that the District Councils should engage with Town and Parish Councils earlier in the process to validate the findings for particular settlements.

(The meeting ended at 7.12pm)

CHAIR
9 August 2022