

POLICY REVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 18 September 2012

Councillor C Powell (Chair)

Councillors:

P A Allan

S Poole

E Bailey

S J Prew-Smith

K Blair (a)

G Tunncliffe

R F Collis (vice chair)

H Wheeler

K Fox (a)

M Glover

Observers:

M Hope (a)

Officers in attendance: J Ansell

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blair, Fox and Hope.

9 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

None

11 OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Member Services Team Leader updated Members on the actions and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Committee on 4 September 2012.

The Chair informed Members of a meeting he had had with the Chief Executive regarding the wish to engage Members more in key Council policy development.

RESOLVED:

that the Member Services Team Leader would contact Councillor Paling to arrange the first meeting of the Hackney Carriage working group. Councillor Prew Smith to be included.

12 POLICY SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW

The Chair gave an overview of the current Policy Scrutiny work programme and informed Members of discussions now underway between Overview Committee and the Leader and Deputy to put in place a process to provide Scrutiny Members with forward notice of upcoming policies and initiatives.

The Chair also raised the importance of providing less experienced Members with the opportunity to chair upcoming new Scrutiny working groups.

The Member Services Team Leader gave an update on the progress of the Localism, Planning and Housing Working Group. A work plan consisting of time critical input to the development of new Planning and Housing policies has been commenced, the progress of which will be reviewed in January.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and recommend that, in future, the responses of Portfolio Holders to Scrutiny recommendations are forwarded to the appropriate working group at the same time as to Overview Scrutiny Committee.

13 ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERED URGENT

None