

OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 13 November 2012

Councillor M. Hope (Chair)

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| Councillors: | R F Collis | C J Powell |
| | P A Hughes | M Weisz |
| | J Clarke (guest) | M Payne (guest) |

Officers in attendance: John Robinson, J Ansell, Stephen Bray, Helen Lee

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

13 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2012

RESOLVED:

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

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Powell and Hughes declared an interest, should any discussion take place regarding changes to the scrutiny structure, which could potentially have an impact on Chairs allowances.

15 SCRUTINY STRATEGIC PLAN

The Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive attended the meeting and key recommendations arising from the Tea and Scrutiny Event May 2012 were discussed.

- The recent changes to the format of the Performance Scrutiny Committee were commended.
- Potential practices to make Scrutiny a more versatile and effective tool, were considered.
- Referrals to scrutiny from the executive were discussed and possible sources for future scrutiny examination were considered.
- The use of the Council Plan and Cabinet Forward Plan were suggested as mechanism for making scrutiny more effective in holding the Executive to account.

RESOLVED:

That the Overview Committee will meet again informally before the Christmas recess to agree a strategic plan for Scrutiny for 2013/14, taking account of the points that had been raised at this meeting.

16 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW

Responses to the following scrutiny reviews were considered and discussed.

- On Street Parking
- Joint Procurement
- The Use and Generation of Energy
- Economic Development

Members were presented with a progress report on the work of the Policy and Performance Committees. This included the following items for consideration:

- Impact of the Localism on Planning and the Effect on Housing Strategy
- Covert Surveillance
- The Scrutiny Work Plan

RESOLVED

1. To note all responses as listed above.
2. Chairs of reviews to be sent a copy of the response at the same point as Overview Scrutiny Committee receives them.
3. The responsible Portfolio Holder and Chair of the review be invited to attend Overview Scrutiny Committee when the follow up monitoring of recommendations is presented.
4. Economic Development review
 - To amend recommendation 6 to include the wording 'where possible' at the beginning as follows:

Where possible when awarding contracts and purchasing goods and services preference should be given to businesses based in

Gedling and consideration should be given to a covalent target being set to measure how this progresses.

5. Request monitoring of contracts for those procured by the Corporate Directors by agreeing a price (contracts under £10k) or sourcing 3 quotes (£10-50K) to assess how many are awarded locally to be available for the six monthly update.
6. To adopt the Scrutiny Response Monitoring Template subject after some minor amendments.
7. To discuss further the interim recommendation of the Impact of the Localism meeting held on 30th October at the informal Overview Scrutiny Committee meeting.
8. To commence the Covert Surveillance review following the recent enactment of the Protection of Freedom Act 2012. A request for members for this review to be made.

17 SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLVED

The Scrutiny Annual Report will be available for presentation at the Overview Committee prior to its submission to the Council meeting which considers end of year performance 2012/13.