

## **POLICY REVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 27 November 2012**

Councillor C Powell (Chair)

Councillors:                    P A Allan (a)                    S Poole  
   E Bailey                         S J Prew-Smith  
   K Blair                         G Tunnicliffe  
   R F Collis (vice chair)       H Wheeler  
   M Glover (a)  
   G Gregory

Observers:                      M Hope  
   P Hughes

Officers in attendance: S Bray, M Cryer (for items 14-17), H Lee

### **14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allan and Glover.

### **15 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2012.**

RESOLVED:

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

### **16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)**

None

### **17 DRAFT GREEN SPACE STRATEGY**

Melvyn Cryer, Service Manager, Parks and Street Care attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the draft Green Space Strategy and action plan, which was then the subject of further discussion. The Strategy sets out a Green Space vision for the Borough with aims and objectives against which an action plan is set.

Members concluded that:

Clarification of the green spaces that the strategy encompasses was required.

While they welcomed the opportunity to learn more about the strategy, felt

they did not have sufficient time to set up a working group to look at it in more detail.

Members were advised to contact the Service Manager with any further questions about the draft strategy.

**RESOLVED**

To note the report.

**18 OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Members were updated on the actions and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Committee held on the 13 November 2012.

They were informed about the ongoing discussions with the Leader and the Deputy as to the role of Scrutiny.

The current reviews being undertaken by the Policy Committee were discussed, including

- Impact of the Localism on Planning and the Effect on Housing Strategy
- The Council's Engagement with the Voluntary Sector
- Hackney Carriages
- Covert Surveillance
- The Scrutiny Work Plan

**RESOLVED**

Members of the Localism Scrutiny Review would be invited to the Special Meetings of the Policy Review Committee to consider the Aligned Core Strategy scheduled for the 6 and 17 January.

The Waste Policy Strategy was proposed for inclusion in the future work programme for the Policy Committee.

Membership of scrutiny reviews should be open to all Members, however the Chair of the review must be a member of the relevant scrutiny committee

Nominations for the Covert Surveillance review are requested.

**19 ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERED URGENT**

None