

**MINUTES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Monday 4 February 2019

Councillor Paul Feeney	Councillor Helen Greensmith
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Stephen Poole
Councillor Kevin Doyle	Councillor John Truscott
Councillor Kathryn Fox	Councillor Muriel Weisz

Apologies for absence: Councillor Viv McCrossen and Councillor John Parr

Officers in Attendance: K Bradford and H Lee

Guests in Attendance Councillors J Clarke and M Payne

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors McCrossen and Parr.

34 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2019.

RESOLVED:

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

35 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

36 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

The Committee welcomed Councillors Clarke and Payne to discuss a range of issues relating to their areas of responsibility. Karen Bradford, Chief Executive, also attended the meeting.

Both Councillors Clarke and Payne comprehensively addressed a range of questions sent to them in advance of the meeting.

Following additional questions from Councillors the following points were addressed:

- Consideration would be given to encouraging membership of school governing bodies in the staff volunteering scheme
- Work is undertaken with developers to get the best deal from Section 106 contributions and should comprise all services including refuse collection.
- The Commercialisation Strategy will be circulated to Committee members.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Thank Councillor Clarke and Payne for their attendance and providing such full answers; and
- 2) Note the content of the discussion.

Councillor Fox joined the meeting at 6.30pm.

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GEDLING HOMES

The Committee welcomed Karen Sands, Head of Independent Living/Corporate Lead, Richard Quinn, Community Safety Officer and Danny Wyer, Asset Manager from Gedling Homes, part of the Jigsaw Group.

It was explained that although Gedling Homes was now part of Jigsaw Homes it was still administered as a separate entity with responsibility for 3,200 properties in the Borough. The move to Jigsaw Homes and the introduction of new business practices was seen as positive and would facilitate improvement for tenants.

Following questions from Members additional points were addressed:

- The condition of garages was of concern and there would be a full condition survey next year
- Gedling Homes is part of the pilot for 'right to buy' so some properties will be disposed of through this scheme and there are a few properties disposed of because they are in a very poor condition
- Supported Living Schemes offer a range of options to a variety of vulnerable people of all ages.
- New properties have been built within the Borough and properties are purchased on new developments
- The Neighbourhood Team works closely with Gedling Borough and other organisations to resolve problems of anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Thank the representatives from Gedling Homes for a very informative discussion; and
- 2) Note the report.

38 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Members discussed the progress of the current working groups.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

The meeting finished at 7.00 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: