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Scrutiny & Overview Committee

Monday 6th July 2015 at 6.00pm Hastings and Knepp Rooms, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham

Councillors:	Leonard Crosbie (Chairman)	
	David Coldwell (Vice-Chairman)	
	Alan Britten	Nigel Jupp
	John Chidlow	Tim Lloyd
	Paul Clarke	Brian O'Connell
	Roger Clarke	David Skipp
	Jonathan Dancer	Ben Staines
	Matthew French	Michael Willett
	Tony Hogben	

You are summoned to the meeting to transact the following business

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SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 1ST JUNE 2015

Present: Councillors: Alan Britten, Paul Clarke, Roger Clarke, David

Coldwell, Leonard Crosbie, Jonathan Dancer, Matthew French, Tony Hogben, Tim Lloyd, David Skipp, Ben Staines, Michael

Willett

Apologies: Councillors: John Chidlow, Nigel Jupp, Brian O'Connell

Officers: Katharine Eberhart, Director of Corporate Resources

Also present: Councillors Christian Mitchell, Tricia Youtan

SO/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Leonard Crosbie be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.

SO/2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor David Coldwell be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.

SO/3 TIME OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED

That meetings of the Committee be held at 6.00pm for the ensuing Council year.

SO/4 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16th March 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SO/5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

SO/6 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman advised the Committee of the role of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee and its working groups in relation to performance and policies of the Council, including the development of policy and budget setting.

SO/7 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDING WORKING GROUPS

Members were advised that the Leaders of the political groups were to appoint members to the four standing working groups (Business Improvement Working Group, Crime & Disorder Working Group, Finance & Performance Working Group and Social Inclusion Working Group) and notify the Chairman of the Committee as soon as possible.

The meeting finished at 6.35 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm.

Response to the recommendations from the Social Inclusion Working Group from the Cabinet Member for Community and Wellbeing

Recommendation:

(1) to review the impact of the decision to disband the Horsham District Community Partnership and consider its reinstatement, or otherwise request the Council to host a forum once or twice a year, to facilitate the meeting of Council Members and officers with local organisations / agencies, councils and churches to discuss community issues of common interest (which could build on the example of the Council's 'Our Future Together' Partnership Conference on 2nd March 2015)

Response:

Whilst there are no plans to reinstate the Horsham District Community Partnership, a report regarding the 'Our Future Together' Partnership Conference will be sent to all participants in July. The report asks for feedback to help determine if the conference should be held annually and if so, how to improve future events. Outcome of feedback to be available in September 2015

Recommendation:

(2) that the Health & Wellbeing web pages be updated to include more information about debt and money advice services, relevant local organisations and agencies; and also request the Communications team to publicise that information to staff on the intranet with a link to the relevant web pages; and request the Health & Wellbeing service to consider providing courses on financial management skills;

Response:

The Community Development and Engagement Manager is researching the subject area of financial inclusion and how other Councils operate. She is developing the policy / framework with a view to taking this through the process for formal adoption. A mapping exercise of existing provision is underway and the external website will be updated by the Community Development Team. Timeframe: mapping exercise of existing provision Information will be on the website by September 2015. Policy and framework adoption – early 2016

Recommendation:

(3) to request that the autumn edition of the Horsham District News magazine include a feature article detailing those organisations which provide advice and assistance to local residents who are in financial hardship, and later collate that information to include within a leaflet to be distributed widely across the District.

Response:

As far as I am aware this was not actioned before Raymond Tinney left HDC. However as part of the process identified in (2), the Community development team will produce a leaflet and article. This will be winter edition 2015

Recommendation:

(4) request that a room be made available in the Council offices in Parkside, Horsham for a regular 'surgery' which could be publicised to allow local residents who are in financial hardship/crisis and in need of advice to meet relevant volunteers and/or Council staff; and ensure easy access and for people to be able to ask for face to face advice in anonymity if they wished.

Response:

This recommendation can be researched after policy has been adopted and formal ways of working have been approved. This recommendation involves working in partnership with other agencies to assess whether this would be useful or whether existing provision is indeed adequate but poorly promoted. Timeframe: Early 2016

Recommendation:

(5) request West Sussex County Council to promote financial management by inviting relevant agencies to visit District schools to speak on the topic as part of PSHE lessons (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education).

Response:

This recommendation will be passed to WSCC

Response to the recommendation from the Social Inclusion Working Group from the Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets

Recommendation:

To request the Finance and Performance Working Group to continue to monitor the performance data for the CenSus Revenues and Benefits service, in particular the speed of processing benefit claims and the speed of processing information on the changed circumstances of individual benefit applicants, to check that the target times were not exceeded and that performance was improving from the current position; and for a follow-up report to be provided later in 2015; and

Response:

These key statistics are part of the quarterly report provided to the Finance and Performance Working Group (FPWG). The FPWG will continue to monitor the processing times for the processing new benefit claims and change of circumstances to benefit claim to ensure that performance targets are met. These statistics are also monitored by the CenSus Joint Committee. Current statistics can be provided to a future Social Inclusion Working Group as part of a follow up report when requested.

Recommendation:

To enquire about the performance of the CenSus telephone contact service and to propose that key organisations / agencies be provided with direct telephone contact numbers to circumvent the reported difficulties in contacting CenSus via the general public telephone number; and for a follow-up report to be provided later in 2015.

Response:

The CenSus telephony service has improved over the year and customers no longer have issues with their telephone calls being unanswered. Key partners did utilise a direct dial number for the service when problems were experienced and if problems arise this system will be reutilised. The CenSus Joint Committee is updated quarterly on the status of the telephony service and are monitoring its continual improvement.

Response to the recommendation from the Social Inclusion Working Group from the Leader of the Council

Recommendation:

"To consider how the Business Transformation Programme's provision of more Council communications and services to the public via online transactions might adversely impact on local residents who do not have internet access or might not have the ability or available support to communicate by that method; and to consider the preparation of a digital inclusion policy and to map the public access to internet use and support which was available across the District."

Response from the Leader in the absence of a Cabinet Member for Communication, Special Projects and Horsham Town:

Throughout the development and delivery of our Business Transformation Programme (a key part of which is aimed at encouraging more use of digital access to our services) we have stressed the importance of recognising that we must always offer a "human face" to those residents and customers who are unable to engage with us via the internet. It is also true to say that many of our services could never be delivered solely on line and our customer access strategy has been built around these facts. As we roll forward the next stages of our programme – which will see a greater accent on digital access - we will be looking in more detail at what we can do to help those without internet access. Regular updates will be given to the Business Transformation Advisory Group (on which David Skipp sits) and you may want to continue the previous arrangement which saw the Business Improvement Working Group receiving periodic progress reports.

Crime and Disorder Working Group 22nd June 2015

Notes of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Crime and Disorder Working Group 22nd June 2015

Present: Councillors: Roger Clarke (Chairman) Alan Britten, David

Coldwell, Adrian Lee, Tim Lloyd

Apologies: Councillors: Jim Sanson, David Skipp

Also present: Councillor: Leonard Crosbie

Officers: Greg Charman, Community Safety Manager

1. <u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u>

Councillor Roger Clarke was elected as Chairman of the Working Group for the ensuing year.

2. TIME OF MEETINGS

The meetings of the Crime and Disorder Working Group would be held at 5.30pm for the ensuing year.

3. TO APPROVE AS CORRECT THE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER 2014

The notes of the meeting held on 15th December 2014 were approved as a correct record.

4. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were no announcements.

6. TO APPROVE THE WORKING GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference were approved by the Working Group.

7. PROTOCOL FOR THE SCRUTINY OF CRIME AND DISORDER MATTERS

The Working Group noted the protocol which outlined the key provisions of the relevant legislation, the Terms of Reference of the Working Group, its duty to meet at least once a year, the role of scrutinising the CSP Plan and performance reports, the ability to give notice to responsible authorities to require their representatives to attend Working Group meetings or to provide information required for Scrutiny.

8. <u>DEMONSTRATION OF THE HORSHAM DISTRICT COMMUNITY</u> <u>SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE</u>

The Community Safety Manager provided the Members with a brief introduction on the Horsham District Community Safety Partnership (HDCSP).

It was within the role of the Community Safety Manager to ensure that the Council met its statutory duties under the Crime and Disorder Act.

From 1st April 2015 each priority action plan would take effect for the new year.

The Community Safety Manager provided the Working Group with a demonstration of the Horsham District Community Safety Partnership website.

The Working Group noted the different aspects of the website such as the newsletter, which was produced bi-annually. The newsletter covered a number of current issues in the District which fell within the remit if the Partnership such as antisocial behaviour, drink-driving, and street pastors. The next newsletter would be produced in autumn 2015.

The Website also detailed Watch Schemes, the Partnership's Priorities and relevant and current information on keeping safe in the District, taking into consideration any issues which may have been prevalent at the time.

7. REVIEW OF THE HORSHAM DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (HDCSP) ACTION PLANS FOR THE 2015-2016

The Community Safety Manager explained that there were three priorities of the HDCSP for the year 2015-2016: Vulnerable Victims, Road Safety and Drugs and Alcohol.

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Crime and Disorder Working Group 22nd June 2015

The Working Group received the priority action plans for Alcohol and Drugs and also for Road Safety, however Members noted that the action plan for Vulnerable Victims remained outstanding.

In relation to the action plan for Alcohol and Drugs, the Members questioned why the status of the priority to raise awareness of the issues surrounding legal highs was highlighted red. The Community Safety Manger, who was responsible for this action plan, explained that a specialist trainer would be providing 18 representatives from the Partnership with training on this aspect in order to be better equipped to tackle this problem in the District.

The Community Safety Manager explained that the reason that many of the priorities were highlighted amber or red was due to the fact that the action plans were prepared at the beginning of the year with a view to address all the priorities by the end of the Partnership's year, at which point they would be highlighted green.

The Working Group noted the information provided and would review the progress of the action plan priorities again in October 2015.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Working Group agreed that it would meet again in October 2015 to review the progress in delivering the 2014/15 action plans. The Scrutiny and Committee Support Officer would schedule the meeting for a suitable date.

It was suggested that a presentation from the Deputy District Commander also take place at that meeting.

Members expressed some concern that the presentation from the Police and Crime Commissioner, scheduled for 24th June 2015, had been cancelled and it was agreed that the Chairman of the Working Group monitor this to ensure the presentation was rescheduled in due course.

The meeting finished at 5.08 p.m. having commenced at 4.00 p.m.

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Finance and Performance Working Group 18th June 2015

Notes of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Finance and Performance Working Group 18th June 2015

Present: Councillors: John Bailey, Leonard Crosbie, Jonathan Dancer,

Brian O'Connell, Ben Staines

Apologies: Councillors: John Chidlow, Nigel Jupp, Stuart Ritchie, Michael

Willett

Also present: Councillor: Christian Mitchell

Officers: Katharine Eberhart, Director of Corporate Resources

David Plank, Customer Services Manager

Mark Pritchard, Commissioning and Performance Manager

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Stuart Ritchie was elected as Chairman of the Working Group for the ensuing year.

2. TIME OF MEETINGS

The Working Group agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting when the Chairman would be present, along with all the Members of the Working Group.

3. TO APPROVE AS CORRECT THE RECORD OF THE FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2015

The notes of the Finance and Performance Working Group meeting held on 18th February 2015 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

4. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were no announcements.

6. TO APPROVE THE WORKING GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference were approved by the Working Group.

Finance and Performance Working Group 18th June 2015

The Working Group discussed the combination of the finance and performance elements being scrutinised together under the same working group and whether this was effective. The Members discussed the reasons for this combined review and the pros and cons and agreed to leave the Working Group as it stood for approximately six months and review it again once the new Members had experienced the existing process.

4. COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS MONITORING REPORT 1ST JANUARY 2015 TO 31ST MARCH 2015 INCORPORATING ANNUAL FIGURES

The Customer Services Manager presented the report Complaints and Compliments Monitoring Report 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2015 Incorporating Annual Figures.

The Working Group noted the figures for the quarter which were detailed in the report. The Council had recently procured a new Covalent system which meant that the individual departments were now responsible for recording and updating their own complaints on the system.

It was also noted that the primary role of the Customer Services Manager was to investigate the cause and nature of complaints received by the Council.

There had been some changes to the complaints structure, there had previously been three stages for complaints, this had been reduced to two and the Council now had 21 days to respond to complaints, which was considered to be best practice and in line with other authorities and the Local Government Ombudsman. In addition there was a new definition of a "complaint" which had been agreed by full Council in February 2015.

The Members noted the complaints figures for the quarter, along with the annual figures.

The report detailed a breakdown of the figures for the Working Group.

The appendices to the report illustrated how the new Covalent system could produce the data and a breakdown of the figures for individual departments.

The Working Group reviewed and noted the breakdown of the Ombudsman complaints figures for the reporting year.

5. ANALYSIS OF REQUESTS MADE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2014/15

The Customer Services Manager presented the report of the Analysis of Requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014/15.

The Working Group noted the figures in the report for the year 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 and how they compared to the previous year.

Freedom of Information (FOI) requests now fell within the role and responsibility of the Monitoring Officer in the Legal department.

The Working Group noted that overdue responses were being monitored.

The highest number of FOI requests were received by Business Services and the majority of these related to software contracts. A data share and contracts register had been set up which released as much information as possible into the public domain to therefore to reduce the number of FOI requests in this department.

6. REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE, DISTRICT PLAN PRIORITIES AND KEY PROJECTS FOR 201/15

The Director of Corporate Resources presented the report on the Council's Finance and Performance, District Plan Priorities and Key Projects for 2014/15.

This report detailed the finance and performance figures for the year end. An underspend was reported, which would contribute to the general reserves. There was a low variance on the previous year and the variances were detailed in the report. The Working Group noted that more work would be undertaken to forecast the figures in order to try and avoid the major items of variance.

Members raised some concerns; these included the officer time involved in planning appeals and the cost.

The Working Group discussed implementing a system to prevent appeals escalating to the high court and avoiding the enormous costs involved, similar to other councils. The Working Group felt strongly about this and made the following recommendation to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee:

The Working Group asked that the Scrutiny and Overview Committee ask Cabinet to determine and confirm the process relating to the planning appeal process, with a view to implementing an element or trigger that high court appeal decisions should go to Cabinet first for a "sign-off".

Finance and Performance Working Group 18th June 2015

Members suggested that a Working Group be established to help understand and confirm the process of planning appeal cases.

The Director of Corporate Resources talked the Working Group through the Budget and Key Performance Indicators.

The Working Group was pleased to see an increase in the attendance figures for The Capitol and Horsham Museum.

The Working Group noted that parking was a high income area for the Council; however officers were anticipating a loss with the opening of the new John Lewis and Waitrose stores with their own car park, the impact of this would be monitored closely.

Members also discussed the car parks in the rural villages within the District and whether charges should be implemented, the Group was concerned that this could be detrimental to the villages The Working Group suggested that the cost of these car parks could be transferred to the parish councils, with an increase in their precepts, in order to maintain free of charge parking in the villages and parishes. Therefore the Working Group wished to raise this for the attention of the Cabinet Member.

The Working Group noted SLT Tracked Projects List which provided an update on the progress of the Council's major projects.

9. MEMBER OVERVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S USE OF THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000

The Working Group noted that the Council had not used the powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 in the past quarter.

The meeting ended at 7.28 p.m. having commenced at 5.30 p.m.

Notes of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Social Inclusion Working Group 15th June 2015

Present: Councillors: David Skipp (Chairman) Roger Clarke, David

Coldwell, Matthew French, Ben Staines, Tricia Youtan

Apologies: Councillor: Alan Britten, Tim Lloyd

Also present: Councillor: Leonard Crosbie

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor David Skipp was elected as Chairman of the Working Group for the ensuing year.

2. TIME OF MEETINGS

The meetings of the Social Inclusion Working Group would be held at 5.30pm for the ensuing year.

3. TO APPROVE AS CORRECT THE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH MARCH 2015

The minutes of 9th March 2015 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

4. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were no announcements.

6. TO APPROVE THE WORKING GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference were approved by the Working Group.

The Chairman highlighted that included in the Working Group's remit was the provision to review health matters, however, he explained that a separate Health Provision Working Group had been established, emerging from the Social Inclusion Working Group, which primarily reviewed the services available at Horsham Hospital, GP services and the overall health provision in the District.

7. <u>UPDATE ON THE POSITION OF THE WORKING GROUP AND FUTURE REVIEWS</u>

The new Working Group noted that the previous Group had recently completed its review of the effectiveness of the provision for local residents who are in financial hardship. A number of recommendations had been made to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee at the end of the review, which had subsequently been made to the relevant Cabinet Members. The Working Group was therefore awaiting the responses to the recommendations before it was able to proceed. It was anticipated that the replies would be presented to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 6th July 2015, for consideration.

The Working Group discussed the recommendations and was looking forward to receiving the replies from the Cabinet Members and would then consider any outstanding issues.

In addition, a suggested new item for the Group's work programme was to help new Members understand more about the CenSus partnership.

The meeting finished at 6.28pm having commenced at 5.30pm.

Health Provision Working Group 23rd April 2015

Notes of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Health Provision Working Group 23rd April 2015

Present: Councillors: David Skipp (Chairman), Frances Haigh,

Kate Rowbottom, Tricia Youtan

Also present: Councillors: George Cockman, Leonard Crosbie,

Godfrey Newman

Apologies: Councillor Liz Kitchen

1. TO APPROVE AS CORRECT THE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY 2015

The notes of the meeting held on 28th January 2015 were approved as a correct record.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were no announcements.

4. CCG'S FIVE COMMUNITIES PLAN/CARE PROVISION FOR WEST AND NORTH OF HORSHAM

The Chairman of the Working Group informed Members that there had been no further information in relation to the CCG's Five Communities Plan or Care Provision for the West and North of Horsham.

Members were disappointed to hear this and they were concerned that there were a huge number of new homes being built in Broadbridge Heath and the north of the District, yet there was no provision in place for extra GP surgeries.

Members agreed that this issue could not be ignored and that the health provision in the District needed to be addressed. A strategic plan was due to be released in the summer of 2015, which Members hoped would address this issue.

The Chairman of the Working Group would raise the Group's concerns at the Council meeting and the Members supported this.

Health Provision Working Group 23rd April 2015

The Working Group hoped that when the new Working Group was formed after May 2015, Members would continue to monitor this.

5. HORSHAM HOSPITAL UPDATE

The Chairman of the Working Group raised two issues:

Blood taking appointments:

The Chairman was awaiting a response from the Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust regarding the problems which had arisen at Horsham Hospital in relation to appointments for taking blood. The system which was currently in place meant that patients were seen on a first come first serve basis, this led to a high volume of people arriving first thing in the morning and then had subsequently led to long waiting times and congestion, not only in the waiting room but also in the car park.

The Chairman had been informed that the appointment system fell within the responsibility of the Trust and therefore had written to Dr Simon Dean at the Horsham and Mid Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group, and was awaiting a response to the concerns raised.

Parking: The Working Group agreed that there was a major issue concerning parking at Horsham Hospital and on Hurst Road. The Chairman had initially raised parking issues with the Facilities Manager at the Hospital but was now awaiting responses from the person responsible for property, including parking, along with the Council's Parking Services.

Members remained concerned that Horsham Hospital still did not have a manager.

The Members hoped that these issues would be followed up by the new Working Group after May 2015.

6. <u>EAST SURREY HOSPITAL REVIEW OF OUTPATIENTS SERVICE</u>

The Working Group noted that work was being done at East Surrey Hospital to improve the outpatients department.

Monthly Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Board meetings were being held and reports were produced which provided updates on the outpatients service. These reports were available and the latest report was circulated to Members at the meeting.

Health Provision Working Group 23rd April 2015

7. REVIEW OF LOCAL CARE PROVISION IN THE DISTRICT FOR NEUROLOGICAL REHABILITATION – PHOENIX STROKE CLUB

Nigel Haverson, the Chairman of the Phoenix Stroke Club was invited to the meeting to talk to Members about stroke rehabilitation in the District.

There were 18 beds at Crawley Hospital for stroke rehabilitation patients in Surrey and Sussex. The Phoenix Club in Horsham was established to provide stroke rehabilitation once patients had left the hospital to help rehabilitate them back into normal life.

The Chairman of the Phoenix Stroke Club provided Members with a presentation about its work, how it was run and how it was funded.

Members questioned how many people in the District had suffered from a stroke to help understand the demand. This data was not available, but it was suggested that the new Working Group may wish to look into getting hold of this information.

The Phoenix Stroke Club, based in its own building on the grounds of Forest School, was run mainly by volunteers and raised its own funds to pay for the activities and holidays it provided, which helped rehabilitate survivors of stokes and those who had suffered other neurological conditions, and bring back their normal functions. The Club would support members for however long it may be required and sometimes this could be a number of years.

The Club had been running for 40 years and had secured funding for another three years but it would continue to raise funds for the future through its members, fundraising and charities.

The Working Group noted that the Club would look to integrate a neurological model in the future. Also it was noted that there were no community stroke services in Crawley at the time and therefore the Phoenix Club may look to replicating its service in this area, however it was emphasised that the first priority would be to maintain the Horsham Club, perhaps expanding the service to run on a fifth day.

Members noted that there were very few alternative community care or rehabilitation options for those who had suffered a stroke, besides the Stroke Association which provided six weeks of care.

The Working Group thanked Mr Haverson for his presentation and once the new Working Group was formed after May 2015, the Group may wish to continue this review.

8. <u>HEALTH PROVISION LETTERS</u>

- (a) The Chairman of the Working Group informed Members that responses had been received from the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council in reply to the letter sent by the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, in relation to the health provision in the District. A copy of these letters would be circulated to all Members of the Working Group.
- (b) The Working Group noted the letter to NHS England and was awaiting a response.
- (c) Members noted the letter to Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG

The meeting finished at 5.28 p.m. having commenced at 4.00 p.m.

Proposals for the Scrutiny and Overview Work Programme 2015/16

At the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 16th March 2015 the Members made a number of suggestions for the future work programme, these are listed below. It will be for the new Committee to agree the items for its work programme.

- The Council's Heritage strategy
- Car parking provision in new developments
- The funding shortage for infrastructure west of Horsham
- Cabinet system versus the Committee system
- The Council's Communications Policy
- Follow up on the office move
- Follow up on the impact of planning appeals
- Monitor the performance of Development Management