

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
6 JUNE 2022

Present: Councillors: Tony Bevis, Philip Circus, Paul Clarke, Ruth Fletcher, Billy Greening, Nigel Jupp, Richard Landeryou, Tim Lloyd, John Milne, Bob Platt, Josh Potts, Jack Saheid, David Skipp and Ian Stannard

SO/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Tony Bevis be elected Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

SO/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

Councillor Ian Stannard be appointed Vice-Chairman for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

SO/3 **TO APPROVE THE TIME OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT YEAR**

RESOLVED

That meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee be held at 5.30pm for the ensuing municipal year.

SO/4 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

SO/5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

SO/6 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, 21 MARCH 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SO/7 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman presented a report providing a review of the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year 2021/22.

RESOLVED

To refer the report to Council for noting.

SO/8 **COUNCIL CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAMME**

The Environmental Coordination Manager and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs presented the Council Carbon Reduction Programme.

It was reported that HDC aspired to reach carbon neutrality for the emissions that are more directly within the Council's Control by 2030. And reach carbon neutrality for indirect emissions by 2050.

The main changes between emissions in 2019/20 - 20/21 were summarised for the Committee.

Following the completion of a short term action plan carried out between 2020 and 2022 a three year action plan would be carried out from April 2022 to the end of March 2025 that was approved by Cabinet on 24 March 2022.

SO/9 **REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE IN 2021/22**

The Interim Director of Resources reported on the Council's Finance and Performance in 2021/22.

The Council delivered a £2.1m revenue surplus after allowing for budgets of £16,345 that will be carried over to 2022/23 relating to work in Economic Development that would take place in the first quarter of 2022/23. This surplus was in the context of performance recovering from Covid-19 faster than the cautious budget predicted when it was set in lockdown in January 2021.

The Council received one-off Covid-19 compensation grants from Government for some loss of income and non-ringfenced 'expenditure' grants totalling £1.13m, offsetting the operational budget deficit that was set. The Council's non-operational income from Council tax and these grants meant that an overall surplus of £2.1m was generated in 2021/22.

Capital expenditure amounted to £4.7m which was 56% of the approved £8.3m capital programme.

The General Fund Reserve had not been completed and audited.

SO/10 **UPDATE ON CURRENT TASK & FINISH GROUPS**

The Chairman reported that there were no updates from Task & Finish Groups.

SO/11 **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022/23**

Members agreed that the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Protection should be invited to the meeting in which the Crime and Disorder Annual update would be discussed. Following this, Members agreed that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Local Police Operational Manager be invited to be interviewed.

Members agreed that training sessions for Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be scheduled throughout the year.

SO/12 **CABINET FORWARD PLAN, UPDATED MAY 2022**

Members noted the contents of the Cabinet Forward Plan.

SO/13 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN