

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2 JUNE 2021

Present: Councillors: Matthew Allen, Tony Bevis, Martin Boffey,
Jonathan Chowen, Brian Donnelly, Billy Greening, Frances Haigh,
Nigel Jupp, Bob Platt, Jack Saheid, Jim Sanson, Ian Stannard and
James Wright

Apologies: Councillors: Tim Lloyd and Josh Potts

SO/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

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

SO/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

That Councillor Brian Donnelly be appointed Vice-Chairman for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

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

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

SO/4 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 22 March 2021 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

SO/5 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Cllr Jonathan Chowen notified the Committee that he was the ex-Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture.

Cllr Nigel Jupp notified that Committee that he was a West Sussex County Councillor.

SO/6 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that there will need to be a new HDC representative appointed to the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and asked for volunteers to contact the Democratic Services Team.

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 2020/21.

The Committee agreed to interview the newly appointed Cabinet Members at future meetings of Overview & Scrutiny. It was agreed that an extra meeting be held in July to interview Councillor Paul Clarke, the new Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED

To refer the report to Council for noting.

SO/8 **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE IN 2020/21**

The Director of Corporate Resources presented the Report on the Council's Finance and Performance in 2020/21. The report was intended to provide the Committee with information to help it carry out its role of monitoring the internal and external delivery of services by detailing how successful the Council has been in delivering against the budget.

RESOLVED

- i) That the contents of the report be noted by the Committee.
- ii) That the ex-Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets be invited to an additional meeting in July 2021 to provide further insight and answer questions raised from this report.

SO/9 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman announced that two new Work Programme Suggestions had been received:

The first was to review the capacity of crematoria used by residents of the district and to assess whether this would be sustainable long-term. It was agreed that this suggestion be deferred to allow HDC's Strategic Planning department to provide comment.

The second suggestion was to review the potential of introducing micro-initiatives within the built up areas of the Horsham District aimed at greening townscapes by using plants to improve the air quality and capture pollutants whilst at the same time making these areas more pleasant to live in. It was agreed that a Task and Finish Group be established to take on this review.

The Committee received advice from HDC's Legal Department regarding a previously deferred work programme suggestion concerning the Rookwood Golf Course. It was agreed that a Task & Finish group not be established as the questions raised in the Suggestion Form had been sufficiently answered in the Legal Department's advice.

SO/10 **CABINET FORWARD PLAN**

The contents of the Cabinet Forward Plan were noted by the Committee.

It was agreed that the Cabinet Member for Leisure & Culture be invited to the meeting of Overview & Scrutiny being held on 19 July 2021 to receive questions on their relevant Forward Plan Items.

It was also agreed that the Committee write to Cabinet to ask why the Local Plan no longer appeared on the Forward Plan.

SO/11 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

SO/12 **WORK PROGRAMME SUGGESTION - ROOKWOOD GOLF COURSE
APPENDIX 1**

The Committee noted the contents of the appendix.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN