

Overview and Scrutiny

Committee

Tuesday, 1st March, 2016 7.00 pm

Committee Room Two Town Hall Redditch



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Membership:

Cllrs: Jane Potter (Chair)

Gay Hopkins (Vice-Chair) Joe Baker

David Bush Andrew Fry Gareth Prosser
Paul Swansborough
Jennifer Wheeler
Nina Wood-Ford

1. Apologies and named substitutes

To receive apologies for absence and details of any Councillor (or co-optee substitute) nominated to attend this meeting in place of a member of this Committee.

2. Declarations of interest and of Party Whip

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests, and any Party Whip.

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a correct record.

(Minutes to follow)

(No Specific Ward Relevance)

4. Local Strategic Partnership - Monitoring Update Report

To consider the latest update on the work of the Redditch Partnership, the Local Strategic Partnership for the Borough.

(Pages 1 - 6)

(Report attached)

Helen Broughton, Redditch Partnership Manager

All Wards

5. Housing Benefits - Presentation

To receive a presentation concerning provision of housing benefit support to residents.

Amanda Singleton, Head of Customer Access and Financial Support (Presentation to follow)

All Wards

6. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16

(Pages 7 - 22)

Councillor Jane Potter

To consider the draft content of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16 and to identify any changes to make prior to presentation of the report by the Chair at Council on 4th April 2016.

(Draft annual report attached)

(No Specific Ward Relevance)

7. Executive Committee Minutes and Scrutiny of the Executive Committee's Work Programme

(Pages 23 - 26)

To consider the minutes of the latest meeting(s) of the Executive Committee and also to consider whether any items on the Executive Committee's Work Programme are suitable for scrutiny.

(Executive Work Programme attached, minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 22nd February 2016 to follow).

(No Specific Ward Relevance)

8. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

(Pages 27 - 30)

To consider the Committee's current Work Programme, and potential items for addition to the list arising from:

- The Forward Plan / Committee agendas
- External publications
- Other sources.

(Report attached)

(No Specific Ward Relevance)

9. Task Groups - Progress Reports

Councillor Gareth Prosser, Councillor Gay Hopkins To consider progress to date on the current reviews against the terms set by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The current reviews in progress are:

- a) Improving Disabled People's Access to Redditch's Taxi Fleet Short, Sharp Review – Chair, Councillor Hopkins; and
- b) Increasing Physical Activity Task Group Redditch Borough Council representative, Councillor Prosser.

(Oral reports)

(No Specific Ward Relevance)

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10. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Borough Director, during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

"That, under S.100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act".

These paragraphs are as follows:

Subject to the "public interest" test, information relating to:

- Para 1 any individual;
- Para 2 the identity of any individual;
- Para 3 <u>financial or business affairs</u>;
- Para 4 labour relations matters;
- Para 5 <u>legal professional privilege</u>;
- Para 6 a notice, order or direction;
- Para 7 the <u>prevention</u>, investigation or <u>prosecution of crime</u>;
 and may need to be considered as 'exempt'.