

APPENDIX 1

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

24TH APRIL 2017 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors L. C. R. Mallett (Chairman), S. A. Webb (Vice-Chairman), C. Allen-Jones, S. R. Colella (until Minute Item No. 117/16), C.A. Hotham, C. J. Spencer, P.L. Thomas (from Minute Item No. 115/16) and M. Thompson

Officers: Ms. J. Pickering and Ms. J. Bayley

MINUTE EXTRACT – MINUTE 115/16

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JOINT SCRUTINY WORK WITH REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Board considered a proposal that had been received from Redditch Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to undertake joint performance scrutiny where appropriate.

Members were advised that Redditch Members had established a Performance Scrutiny Working Group, which had a similar remit to Bromsgrove District Council's Measures Dashboard Working Group, in June 2016. At the latest meeting of the Redditch Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members had agreed that the Performance Scrutiny Working Group should continue with its work in 2017/18. Redditch Members had become aware that there were similarities between the work of the Performance Scrutiny Working Group and the Measures Dashboard Working Group and had felt that it might be useful to hold informal meetings to enable Members to share ideas and best practice. The Redditch Overview and Scrutiny Committee had also proposed that joint scrutiny meetings could be held, involving Members of both working groups, where the same issues were identified as suitable for further scrutiny.

Councillor S. A. Webb, the Chairman of the Measures Dashboard Working Group, explained that the group had discussed this proposal at their latest meeting. Members had had some concerns that due to delays accessing the dashboard on their iPads the group was at a different stage in terms of scrutinising the performance of Council services to Redditch Members. For this reason Members concurred that it would be premature to hold joint scrutiny meetings in 2017/18. However, there was recognition that informal meetings, every 6 months,

could add value as it would provide an opportunity for Members from the 2 Councils to share ideas.

RESOLVED that in 2017/18 informal meetings should be arranged every 6 months between Redditch Borough Council's Performance Scrutiny Working Group and Bromsgrove District Council's Measures Dashboard Working Group to share ideas and understanding of best practice in performance scrutiny.