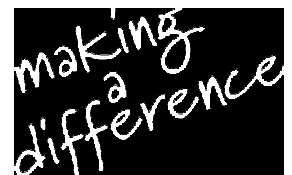


Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 4th November,
2013
7.00 pm

Committee Room Two
Town Hall
Redditch



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Welcome to today's meeting.

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The **Agenda List** at the front of the Agenda summarises the issues to be discussed and is followed by the Officers' full supporting **Reports**.

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Committee Room 2 Town Hall

Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs: David Bush (Chair) Carole Gandy
Gay Hopkins (Vice-Chair) Alan Mason
Andrew Brazier Yvonne Smith
Simon Chalk Pat Witherspoon
Andrew Fry

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 interest they may have in items on the Agenda and any Party Whip.
3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 10)	To confirm the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a correct record. (Minutes attached) (No Specific Ward Relevance)
4. Redditch United Football Club - Discussion	To discuss future arrangements for Redditch United Football Club. (Oral report) (Central Ward)
5. Positive Activities - Update Report (Pages 11 - 30) R Cooke, Leisure Services Manager	To receive an update on the delivery of positive youth activities to young people living in Redditch. (Report attached) (Various Wards)

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<p>6. Business Development and Community Interest Companies - Presentation</p> <p>S Singleton, D Hancox, Voluntary Sector Grants Co-ordinator, G Harris, Development Support Officer</p>	<p>To receive a presentation on the subject of new businesses and Community Interest Companies and the support provided in Redditch to enable these organisations to develop.</p> <p>(Presentation to follow)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>7. Executive Committee Minutes and Scrutiny of the Executive Committee's Work Programme</p> <p>(Pages 31 - 36)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>(Minutes attached Executive Work Programme to follow).</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>8. Work Programme</p> <p>(Pages 37 - 40)</p>	<p>To consider the Committee's current Work Programme, and potential items for addition to the list arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Forward Plan / Committee agendas• External publications• Other sources. <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>9. Task Groups - Progress Reports</p> <p>(Pages 41 - 44)</p> <p>Councillor Alan Mason, Councillor Carole Gandy, Councillor Gay Hopkins, Councillor Pat Witherspoon</p>	<p>To consider progress to date on the current reviews against the terms set by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The current reviews in progress are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Abbey Stadium Task Group – Chair, Councillor Gandy;b) Landscaping Task Group – Chair, councillor Hopkins;c) Joint WRS Scrutiny Review – lead Member Councillor Mason; andd) Voluntary Sector Task Group. <p>(Oral reports)</p> <p>All Wards</p>

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<p>10. Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Councillor Pat Witherspoon</p>	<p>To receive a verbal update on the recent work of the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>(Verbal report)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
<p>11. Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel - Update Report</p> <p>(Pages 45 - 46)</p> <p>Councillor Andrew Brazier</p>	<p>To receive an update on the outcomes of the latest meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>12. Exclusion of the Press and Public</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>“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”.</p> <p>These paragraphs are as follows:</p> <p>Subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Para 1 – <u>any individual</u>;• Para 2 – the <u>identity of any individual</u>;• Para 3 – <u>financial or business affairs</u>;• Para 4 – <u>labour relations matters</u>;• Para 5 – <u>legal professional privilege</u>;• Para 6 – <u>a notice, order or direction</u>;• Para 7 – the <u>prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</u>; <p>and may need to be considered as ‘exempt’.</p>

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MINUTES

Present:

Councillor David Bush (Chair), Councillor Gay Hopkins (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Andrew Brazier, Simon Chalk, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Yvonne Smith and Pat Witherspoon

Also Present:

S Hazelden and S Lewis (Rotala PLC)

Officers:

C Felton, J Godwin, J Pickering and J Staniland, Exec Director - Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services

Committee Services Officer:

J Bayley and M Craggs

55. APOLOGIES AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Alan Mason.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest nor of any party whip.

57. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10th September 2013 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Chair

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58. VACANT REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Officers provided a summary of the report that explained the current position regarding Council owned vacant non-dwelling properties in the Borough.

It was clarified that a report to the Executive Committee on the future options for Threadneedle House was expected to be considered early in the New Year. Redditch Borough Council would accrue additional income by accommodating Officers from Bromsgrove District Council in Redditch Town Hall and therefore Bromsgrove staff would no longer need to use Threadneedle House.

A buyer had yet to be identified for the former REDI Centre on South Street. A report seeking approval for the property to be marketed for disposal was scheduled to be considered by Council on 14th October 2013. Any final decision to sell the property to a community group would be taken by Officers. The Executive Committee would be notified in advance of any sale being sanctioned. Furthermore, it was confirmed that any community group could apply to purchase Upper Norgrove House on Church Road as an asset of community value.

The Committee was advised that the retail units adjacent to the former covered market area outside the Debenhams Store in the Kingfisher Shopping Centre were owned by the Council. However, none of these units were empty but were predominantly being used by local charities for storage.

Members expressed concern regarding the former covered market area in general, including whether the area could legitimately be used for car parking. The safety implications of using this area as a car park were debated and Members commented that this could potentially be hazardous for pedestrians. Concern was also raised about the closure of a public toilet in the area that was previously used by customers and staff.

A representative from the Town Centre Partnership (TCP) informed Members that the TCP was planning to introduce new all-weather play facilities to help redefine it as a public owned outdoor play area, though a number of issues remained to be resolved. Due to their interest in this subject the Committee agreed to receive a report at a forthcoming meeting on future plans for the former covered market area.

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Members also received clarification that there were currently 74 empty Council House properties in the town. The condition of many of these properties was being assessed to ensure that they were fit for occupation.

RESOLVED that

- 1) a report on future plans for the former covered market area adjacent to the Kingfisher Centre be included on the Committee's Work Programme; and**
- 2) the report be noted.**

59. PROMOTING SPORTING PARTICIPATION - UPDATE REPORT

Officers presented an update on actions taken to implement two of the recommendations from the Promoting Sporting Participation Task Group review which the Executive Committee had approved in June 2012 and which remained outstanding.

Regarding recommendation one, Members were informed that good progress was being made to improve the Council's website in line with the aspirations of the Task Group. In particular, it was expected that the Council's new Content Management System (CMS), to be introduced in 2015, would provide far greater flexibility than the existing system for Officers to tailor the content of the sports pages closer to what users actually wanted. This could involve placing a clear emphasis on promoting sporting activities in Redditch rather than the Council's sporting facilities. Social media would also be utilised more often to publicise these activities. Sufficient resources and staff capacity would need to be provided to make this work successful.

In terms of recommendation three, it was acknowledged that mistakes had been made, both internally and externally, which had contributed to delays in the introduction of some informal games areas. This was principally attributed to communication issues.

Officers were working to ensure that the following facilities were installed within specific timeframes:

- A circular table tennis table would be installed at Morton Stanley Park by the Easter Holidays in 2014.
- Volley Ball posts and court markings were due to be installed at Arrow Valley and Morton Stanley Parks by April 2014.
- Sports grids, measuring a total of 60metres by 40metres, would be installed in suitable locations within the Borough by

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the Easter Holidays in 2014. These would incorporate a number of different sporting activities, including rounders and softball.

- Improvements were due to be made to the new disc golf courses, including increased signage, course markings, and revised ground maintenance work, and completed by the Easter Holidays in 2014. This activity had already proved to be very popular since the courses had been introduced.
- Two new orienteering courses would be finalised in suitable locations by April 2014. Feedback received from a local orienteering club had been extremely positive.

The Committee was informed that suitable locations for the installation of giant chess or draughts boards had not yet been identified. Members suggested that Officers consider both the Forge Mill Needle Museum and town centre as potential venues. Support for these facilities was expressed by Members, who commented that the facilities would be well received, especially by elderly and minority ethnic local residents.

Members expressed their support for the proposed new sporting facilities within the Borough. However, Officers were urged to learn from the mistakes that had been made and to ensure that future plans were realistic and well communicated to help avoid any further disappointment.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

60. TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION PROPOSALS - PRESENTATION

The Committee noted a presentation that had recently been delivered by Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Officers at a private Planning Advisory Panel meeting on the potential impact of the Local Plan 4 on highways and actions that could be taken to mitigate that impact. (Appendix 1)

Member expressed their disappointment that WCC Officers had declined the Chair's invitation to attend the meeting to deliver the presentation. It had been communicated via Borough Council Officers that they did not feel it would be appropriate to deliver the presentation in a formal public meeting environment given that WCC was a statutory consultee on Local Plan 4 and was still considering its position ahead of its final submission. However, Members reiterated that the WCC should have been represented at

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the meeting as this would have been in accordance with an open and transparent consultation process. Members of the public in attendance also expressed regret that WCC Officers were not present to take questions regarding the proposals.

Representatives of the local bus provider in attendance informed Members that they had not been consulted by WCC on the specific proposals outlined within the presentation regarding the proposed public transport routes in the suggested new developments in Foxlydiate and the potential alternative development in Bordesley, although they had earlier held general discussions with WCC regarding Local Plan 4. However, Members suggested that a previous bus operator in Redditch had been consulted about the potential costs implications of the two proposals.

Members queried whether there was any mechanism for including the current bus operator in the discussions regarding the viability of the proposed public transport routes in Foxlydiate and Bordesley. They were informed, however, that it was customary for bus operators to be excluded from costing up potential bus routes to help ensure that a fair tendering process resulted. The commissioning authority, in this case WCC, would therefore be expected to provisionally cost up the potential routes according to its own data.

The Committee raised a number of concerns and questions about the information within the presentation which could not be answered at the meeting. In particular, Members sought reassurance that this information did not in any way contradict the information they had already received during the Local Plan 4 consultation process. It was subsequently suggested that the relevant WCC Officers be invited to meet with Members to answer their questions regarding the proposed routes at a public meeting.

RESOLVED that

a public meeting be arranged between Officers from Worcestershire County Council and all Borough Councillors regarding the transport assessment and mitigation proposals within draft local plan No 4.

61. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND SCRUTINY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME

Members noted that a report on the issue of *Delivering New Affordable Housing* had recently been included on the Executive Committee Work Programme to be considered as an urgent item at

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its next meeting on 15th October 2013. Members agreed that they should contact the relevant Officers in advance of the meeting if there were any questions or comments they wished to raise.

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the Executive Committee held on 17th September 2013 and the latest edition of the Executive Committee's Work Programme be noted.

62. WORK PROGRAMME

Councillor Smith informed the Committee that, in advance of presentation of a report on footpaths and pathways that was scheduled for consideration by the Committee in November 2013, she had recently met with relevant Officers in the Environmental Services Team to discuss the level of available information about footpaths and pavements in the Borough. Officers had produced a map of Woodrow which illustrated which pavements the County Council were responsible for maintaining, and those which were the responsibility of the Borough Council. It had become evident that it would be very onerous and an ultimately costly exercise for Officers to produce similar maps for the rest of the Borough.

As an alternative it was suggested that each Member could be provided with access to a Geographic Information System (GIS) that would identify which authority was responsible for maintaining each particular pavement in the Borough. However, the Committee felt that it would be simpler and more cost-effective if all Members referred to the relevant Officers who would be able to answer their individual queries about a particular pavement or pathway.

Ultimately, Members questioned the benefits of considering a report on this matter at their next meeting in November. It was consequently agreed that this report should be removed from the Committee's Work Programme.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the report on footpaths and pavements maintenance, scheduled for consideration on 4th November 2013 be removed from the Committee's Work Programme; and**
- 2) the Committee's Work Programme be noted.**

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63. LANDSCAPING TASK GROUP - CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE GROUP

The Committee was advised that Councillors Joe Baker, Michael Braley, Michael Chalk and Yvonne Smith had been nominated to sit on the Landscaping Task Group. Councillor Hopkins had previously been confirmed as the Chair of the group.

RESOLVED that

Councillors Joe Baker, Michael Braley, Michael Chalk, Gay Hopkins and Yvonne Smith be appointed to the Landscaping Task Group.

64. TASK GROUPS - PROGRESS REPORTS

The following updates on current Task Group reviews were provided:

a) Abbey Stadium Task Group – Chair, Councillor Carole Gandy

Councillor Gandy informed the committee that the Task Group had visited the Abbey Stadium on Thursday 26th September, which had provided them with some ideas about how the facility could potentially be improved. This was further backed up by informal discussions with a number of customers who had made their own suggestions. However, customers were generally satisfied with the stadium, its facilities, and the services that were provided.

Ahead of the site visit, Councillor Gandy had been informed by relevant Officers that the impending new business case for the stadium, due to be considered by the Executive Committee at the end of the year, would focus on reconfiguring the layout of the gymnasium and the dance studio. The group was therefore aiming to revise its original terms of reference to exclude any reference to the gymnasium and dance studio as it was not felt that they could realistically undertake a thorough scrutiny of these areas in the tight timescales required.

b) Joint Worcestershire Regulatory Services – Redditch Member, Councillor Alan Mason

In Councillor Mason's absence, Members received a brief summary of the first meeting of the Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) joint review which took place on Thursday 26th September.

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The Committee was also informed that the joint review was conducting a consultation with all elected Members in Worcestershire to find out about their experiences of working with WRS. Members were invited to post their comments before the consultation closed on Thursday 31st October to give the joint review group a clearer understanding of the current perception of the service in Redditch.

c) Landscaping Task Group – Chair, Councillor Gay Hopkins

Following the Committee's earlier ratification of the Task Group's membership, Councillor Hopkins confirmed that the first meeting of the review would take place on Monday 14th October.

d) Voluntary Sector Task Group – Chair, Councillor Pat Witherspoon

At their first meeting on Tuesday 1st October, the group received an overview of the Council's grants process. This included a summary of the work of the Grants Panel, and the Council's relatively new Concessionary Rents Policy. The group also considered the merits of co-opting a member of the local community onto the review, however, the Chair explained that the group would no longer be pursuing this option.

RESOLVED that

the update reports be noted.

65. HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Witherspoon provided the Committee with a brief verbal summary of the most recent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) meeting on 8th October 2013.

Members were informed that the HOSC was very disappointed with the level of progress regarding the development of acute hospital services in Worcestershire, following the conclusion of the Joint Services Review (JSR) in March 2013. A new twelve week consultation, led by the Worcestershire's four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), had recently opened into the future of acute hospital care in the county. Two options remained on the table.

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Elsewhere, the HOSC considered an update report on the Well Connected Programme that was intended to improve the coordination of health and care for local patients. This would include the introduction of a new information technology system for GPs in Worcestershire by March 2014.

The issue of fifteen minute care visits for elderly patients at home was also discussed. The HOSC had been informed that these visits were geared towards meeting the needs of the patient and were not necessarily time specific.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 9.05 pm

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POSITIVE ACTIVITIES - MONITORING UPDATE REPORT

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Phil Mould, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	John Godwin, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Ward(s) Affected	No specific ward relevance.
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report provides an update on the Redditch Consortia Positive Activities Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE

that the report be noted

3. KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 2nd July 2013, the Committee considered a monitoring report on the provision of youth services in Redditch. They were advised that the Redditch Consortia Positive Activities Programme was integral to the provision of many youth activities within the Borough. It was ultimately agreed that the Committee would consider a report at a forthcoming meeting that gave further information about the programme and what activities for young people were being provided through this.
- 3.2 The Redditch Consortia are currently delivering eight Positive Activity Youth Club Activities throughout the following districts: Astwood Bank – YMCA; Church Hill – YMCA; Woodrow – What's Your Point; Batchley – Batchley Support Group (BSG); Oakenshaw – BSG; Town Centre – BSG; Abbeydale – BSG.
- 3.3 The table below lists attendance figures for each session. A full breakdown of attendance figures for quarter 1 (appendix 1) and quarter 2 (appendix 2) are both attached.

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Venue	Quarter 1			Quarter 2		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Astwood Bank - YMCA	37	11	48	129	0	129
Church Hill - YMCA	138	236	372	161	248	409
Woodrow - WYP	69	66	135	37	40	77
Batchley, Tue - BSG	118	87	205	126	102	228
Batchley, Thu - BSG	152	108	260	98	73	171
Oakenshaw - BSG	33	19	52	35	16	51
Sandycroft - BSG	74	75	149	81	79	160
Community House - BSG	12	6	18	22	18	4040
Total	633	608	1239	689	576	1265

- 3.4 All of the clubs listed promote themselves through a variety of social media, including Facebook and Twitter. In addition, a news letter has been produced by the children and young people to further promote the activities (attached as appendix 3).
- 3.5 Worcestershire County Council has contacted all providers and has either arranged or is in the process of arranging individual venue visits. No information has so far been given concerning Youth Council audits which was proposed in the original specification.
- 3.6 No formal feedback sessions have yet been requested from Worcestershire County Council, however other district authorities are requested to attend. Redditch Borough Council is expecting to be notified of its date in due course
- 3.7 Officers are discussing with Worcestershire County Council Officers and Consortia members the possible realignment of resources from areas of under utilisation to areas with no provision, including Oakenshaw and Headless Cross.

Financial Implications

- 3.8 There are no direct financial implications directly relating to this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.9 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report.

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Service / Operational Implications

- 3.10 There are no direct service or operational implications that have been identified for this report.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.11 No direct customer or equality and diversity implications have been identified for this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 No risks have been identified.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 –Positive Activity Youth Club Activities attendance figures, Quarter 1.
Appendix 2 - Positive Activity Youth Club Activities attendance figures, Quarter 2.
Appendix 3 – P.A.Y.P. Gazette – Issue 1, July 2013.

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Summary - Total Attendance				
Venue	M	F	Total	Positive Activity Funds
YMCA - Astwood Bank	37	11	48	
YMCA - Churchill	138	236	372	
Whats Your Point	69	66	135	
BSG - Tuesday	118	87	205	
BSG - Wednesday	152	108	260	
BSG - Friday (Oakenshaw)	33	19	52	
BSG - Friday (Sandycroft)	74	75	149	
BSG - Friday (Community House)	12	6	18	
Total	633	608	1239	
YMCA Astwood Bank				
Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
05/04/13	0	0	0	
11/04/13	0	0	0	
18/04/13	5	8	13	
25/04/13	0	0	0	
02/05/13	6	1	7	
09/05/13	2	0	2	
16/05/13	6	0	6	
23/05/13	5	2	7	
29/05/13	0	0	0	
06/06/13	3	0	3	
13/06/13	5	0	5	
20/06/13	3	0	3	
27/06/13	2	0	2	
Total	37	11	48	
YMCA Chrch Hill				
Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
11/04/13	3	14	17	
12/04/13	8	4	12	
17/04/13	7	14	21	
19/04/13	4	5	9	
24/04/13	6	15	21	
26/04/13	2	2	4	
01/05/13	10	14	24	
03/05/13	3	3	6	
08/05/13	9	19	26	
10/05/13	3	5	8	
15/05/13	10	20	30	

17/05/13	4	4	8
22/05/13	7	16	23
24/05/13	4	4	8
29/05/13	6	14	20
05/06/13	3	12	15
07/06/13	3	3	6
12/06/13	9	17	26
14/06/13	8	5	13
19/06/13	9	17	26
21/06/13	4	4	8
26/06/13	15	20	35
28/06/13	1	5	6
Total	138	236	372

Whats Your Point - Thursday

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
04/04/13	9	6	15	
11/04/13	2	4	6	
18/04/13	1	4	5	
25/04/13	1	4	5	
02/05/13	4	5	9	
09/05/13	9	3	12	
16/05/13	5	5	10	
23/05/13	6	5	11	
30/05/13	14	7	21	
06/06/13	6	5	11	
13/06/13	4	6	10	
20/06/13	3	5	8	
27/06/13	5	7	12	
Total	69	66	135	

BSG - Tuesday

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
02/04/13	4	0	4	
09/04/13	3	3	6	
16/04/13	6	2	8	
23/04/13	9	9	18	
30/04/13	10	7	17	
07/05/13	10	7	17	
14/05/13	12	9	21	

21/05/13	10	8	18
28/05/13	12	8	20
04/06/13	9	9	18
11/06/13	11	9	20
18/06/13	10	8	18
25/06/13	12	8	20
Total	118	87	205

BSG - Wednesday

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
04/04/13	11	9	20	
11/04/13	12	9	21	
18/04/13	10	8	18	
25/04/13	12	8	20	
02/05/13	14	9	23	
09/05/13	12	8	20	
16/05/13	14	8	22	
23/05/13	14	9	23	
30/05/13	12	9	21	
06/06/13	10	7	17	
13/06/13	11	9	20	
20/06/13	10	8	18	
27/06/13	10	7	17	
Total	152	108	260	

BSG - Friday (Oakenshaw)

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
05/04/13	2	2	4	
12/04/13	2	2	4	
19/04/13	2	2	4	
26/04/13	2	2	4	
03/05/13	4	2	6	
10/05/13	4	2	6	
17/05/13	1	2	3	
24/05/13	3	1	4	
31/05/13	3	1	4	
07/06/13	3	0	3	
14/06/13	3	0	3	
21/06/13	0	0	0	
28/06/13	4	3	7	

		33	19	52		
BSG - Friday						
Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)		
	M	F	Total			
05/04/13	2	2	4			
12/04/13	2	2	4			
19/04/13	2	2	4			
26/04/13	2	2	4			
03/05/13	4	2	6			
10/05/13	4	2	6			
17/05/13	1	2	3			
24/05/13	3	1	4			
31/05/13	3	1	4			
07/06/13	3	0	3			
14/06/13	3	0	3			
21/06/13	0	0	0			
28/06/13	4	3	7			
Total	33	19	52			
BSG (Sandycroft) - Friday						
Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)		
	M	F	Total			
05/04/13	4	3	7			
12/04/13	4	3	7			
19/04/13	7	4	11			
26/04/13	7	4	11			
03/05/13	4	5	9			
10/05/13	4	7	11			
17/05/13	7	7	14			
24/05/13	7	7	14			
31/05/13	4	5	9			
07/06/13	5	5	10			
14/06/13	7	7	14			
21/06/13	7	9	16			
28/06/13	7	9	16			
Total	74	75	149			
BSG - Friday (Community House)						
Positive Activities Session	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds		

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	M	F	Total	spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
05/04/13	0	0	0	
12/04/13	0	0	0	
19/04/13	0	0	0	
26/04/13	2	0	2	
03/05/13	3	2	5	
10/05/13	1	1	2	
17/05/13	0	2	2	
24/05/13	2	0	2	
31/05/13	2	0	2	
07/06/13	0	0	0	
14/06/13	0	0	0	
21/06/13	0	0	0	
28/06/13	2	1	3	
Total	12	6	18	

Summary - Total Attendance				
Venue	M	F	Total	Positive Activity Funds
YMCA - Astwood Bank	129	0	129	
YMCA - Churchill	161	248	409	
Whats Your Point	37	40	77	
BSG - Tuesday	126	102	228	
BSG - Thursday	98	73	171	
BSG - Friday (Oakenshaw)	35	16	51	
BSG - Friday (Sandycroft)	81	79	160	
BSG - Friday (Community House)	22	18	40	
Total	689	576	1265	
YMCA Astwood Bank				
Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
04/07/13	5	0	5	
11/07/13	8	0	8	
18/07/13	8	0	8	
25/07/13	8	0	8	
01/08/13	8	0	8	
08/08/13	10	0	10	
15/08/13	9	0	9	
22/08/13	11	0	11	
29/08/13	11	0	11	
05/09/13	11	0	11	
12/09/13	13	0	13	
19/09/13	14	0	14	
26/09/13	13	0	13	
Total	129	0	129	
YMCA Chrch Hill				
Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
03/07/13	9	13	22	
05/07/13	5	2	7	
10/07/13	8	14	22	
12/07/13	6	1	7	
17/07/13	9	17	26	
19/07/13	2	2	4	
21/07/13	10	14	24	
24/07/13	3	3	6	
26/07/13	9	19	28	
31/07/13	3	5	8	
02/08/13	10	20	30	

07/08/13	4	4	8
09/08/13	7	16	23
09/08/13	4	4	8
16/08/13	6	14	20
16/08/13	3	12	15
21/08/13	3	3	6
23/08/13	9	17	26
23/08/13	8	5	13
30/08/13	9	17	26
11/09/13	4	4	8
13/09/13	15	20	35
18/09/13	1	5	6
20/09/13	1	0	1
25/09/13	9	15	24
27/09/13	4	2	6
Total	161	248	409

Whats Your Point - Thursday

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
04/07/13	6	3	9	
11/07/13	1	4	5	
18/07/13	4	1	5	
25/07/13	1	5	6	
01/08/13	3	3	6	
08/08/13	3	3	6	
22/08/13	4	4	8	
29/08/13	3	5	8	
05/09/13	2	3	5	
12/09/13	3	3	6	
19/09/13	2	3	5	
26/09/13	5	3	8	
Total	37	40	77	

BSG - Tuesday

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
02/07/13	12	9	21	
09/07/13	9	9	18	
16/07/13	12	8	20	
23/07/13	8	11	19	trips out

30/07/13	6	8	14	trips out
06/08/13	7	12	19	trips out
13/08/13	12	4	16	trips out
20/08/13	8	1	9	
27/08/13	12	8	20	
03/09/13	9	9	18	
10/09/13	11	9	20	
17/09/13	10	8	18	
24/09/13	10	6	16	
Total	126	102	228	

BSG - Thursday

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
04/07/13	10	7	17	
11/07/13	10	8	18	
18/07/13	14	9	23	
25/07/13				trips out as Tuesday numbers
01/08/13				trips out as Tuesday numbers
08/08/13				trips out as Tuesday numbers
15/08/13				trips out as Tuesday numbers
22/08/13	11	9	20	
29/08/13	10	7	17	
05/09/13	11	9	20	
12/09/13	10	8	18	
19/09/13	12	9	21	
26/09/13	10	7	17	
Total	98	73	171	

BSG - Friday (Oakenshaw)

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
05/07/13	2	2	4	
12/07/13	2	2	4	
19/07/13	3	0	3	
26/07/13	4	0	4	
02/08/13	0	0	0	
09/08/13	3	2	5	
16/08/13	3	4	7	
23/08/13	4	0	4	
30/08/13	0	0	0	
06/09/13	4	0	4	

13/09/13	3	0	3	
20/09/13	3	4	7	
27/09/13	4	2	6	
	35	16	51	
BSG (Sandycroft) - Friday				
Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
05/07/13	4	5	9	
12/07/13	7	9	16	
19/07/13	7	7	14	
26/07/13	7	6	13	
02/08/13	4	7	11	
09/08/13	7	5	12	
16/08/13	7	9	16	
23/08/13	7	4	11	
30/08/13	5	5	10	
06/09/13	7	5	12	
13/09/13	7	4	11	
20/09/13	5	4	9	
27/09/13	7	9	16	
Total	81	79	160	
BSG - Friday (Community House)				

Positive Activities Session delivered (Dates)	Numbers of Young People attending each Session			Positive Activities funds spent per session (ref income & expenditure statement e.g. staff, premises, activity and equipment costs)
	M	F	Total	
05/07/13	0	0	0	outreach work
12/07/13	0	0	0	outreach work
19/07/13	0	0	0	outreach work
26/07/13	2	1	3	
02/08/13	3	2	5	
09/08/13	0	4	4	
16/08/13	4	0	4	
23/08/13	2	1	3	
30/08/13	2	1	3	
06/09/13	3	2	5	
13/09/13	2	1	3	
20/09/13	2	2	4	
27/09/13	2	4	6	
Total	22	18	40	

The P.A.Y.P. GAZETTE

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Your local magazine that lets you know what's happening in your area and at your youth clubs

Cool by the Pool

Well it's here again COOL BY THE POOL. Lots of things are happening.... Games, food, drinks, meeting friends, fun and chatting with all your local Youth Workers... and all this is happening in the glorious sun. "Have a cool time by the pool" Saturday 20 July. Batchley 12pm..

We're searching for volunteers

Batchley Support Group are looking for young volunteers to help out with our summer play scheme which will take place at the HDA Social Club during the summer holidays.

If you feel that you are a hard working individual and have the time to contribute or you have any questions or queries regarding volunteering please contact one of the staff on:

01527 457 291 / 07979 314 883

Club News! The big cook up no. 2



On 24 May the young people at The Cabin Youth Club- Sandycroft Centre had a great time cooking in the kitchen. All the group got involved and cooked a hot mutton curry with chocolate cake for dessert - It went down well. The curry was HOT and we were glad there were soft drinks at hand. The next curry is going to be a mild one!

The young people had a good idea - on the next big cook up we'll invite all the other clubs so that the young people and youth workers can all meet each other. We will keep you posted.

Do you know what Swishing is?

Swishing is when you bring the old clothes you no longer wear and swap them for other peoples clothes that you want to wear.

You receive tokens for the clothes you bring and you can use those tokens to purchase the clothes you want.

When: July 27th 2013 - 10am to 2pm

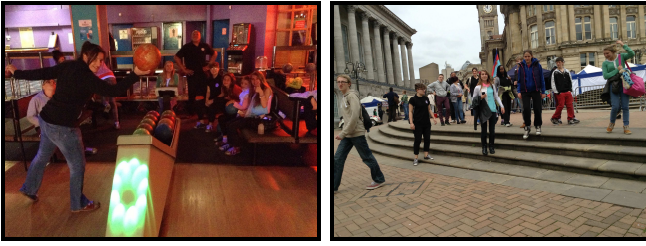
Where: Oakenshaw Community Centre
B98 7YB

All ages, free entry, drinks and snacks available. You must bring at least one unwanted item from your wardrobe.

See Carol-Anne Klatt (who will be at Cool by the Pool) for more details.

They also need volunteers - contact: RedditchSwish@hotmail.co.uk

Day out at The Leisure Box



On Saturday 29 June all the clubs went to The Leisure Box ice skating rink and bowling alley. It was a day out in Birmingham, with a surprise visit to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. A nice time was had by all. Here are a few comments from the young people and staff:

Jane Klatt's from The Cabin Club - Sandycroft Centre reporting:

"On Saturday 29 June The Cabin and other youth clubs went on an amazing trip to Birmingham. Not only was going ice-skating and bowling enough, but to top it all off Dave surprised us with a visit to the Birmingham Museum. During our time at the museum we found out something fabulously interesting, Dave had worked on an ace project about Birmingham and how it has changed. It's called 'Your Birmingham' and you should check it out. At ice skating we had an epic time and lunch was great I had Pringles, hotdogs and not forgetting the yummy chocolate popcorn! Bowling was brill and we were placed in groups. In my group was Dave, Emma, Tamara, kaliegh and finally me. We called ourselves "the dream team" and came second. Finally it was time to say goodbye to the Leisure Box and Birmingham. Overall I really, really enjoyed myself and would like to thank all the adults that made this wonderful

trip possible. It's safe to say time does fly when you are having fun!"

A word from Jen and Rich on what our clubs are about:

Jen: "All the clubs are interesting and varied, at Batchley we do a range of activities from quiz games, boxing and the all time favourite - making fruit kebabs with chocolate. We have about 18-20 young people who come to the youth centre to have fun, chill out, meet up with friends and make new friends. The young people can choose to volunteer and run the coffee bar and take the door entrance money. All the clubs have game consoles, pool and other activities. We have had visits from the councillors who are impressed with what we are doing and also Community Safety Officer Gemma who came to the youth centre to see what was happening in her local area. The young people love to eat fruit, so we have a fruit kebab with chocolate, which is a hit because they are eating fruit which some have not even tried before and it also hits your five a day! The skating and bowling trip was great. Connor and Chris from our club thought it was fantastic. It was the first time Chris ever tried ice skating - he was even speed skating with fellow youth worker Dave. They were trying to beat the clock - it was great to see. Connor, who has recovered from a brain tumor couldn't do the ice skating but he helped in supporting his friend and loved ten pin bowling. It was nice getting all the young people to meet up and everyone had a fun day.

We encourage young people to share what they would like to do, to motivate them in volunteering which will give them a sense of responsibility but also

enable all young people to have a voice in making a difference at their youth centre and taking ownership.”

Rich: “At the Oakenshaw Community Centre we run a positive activities group on Friday evenings between 6pm and 8.45pm. This group is accessible to all young people of all abilities, aged between 13 and 19 years old. The qualified staff supporting this session are dedicated to the promotion of wellbeing and social awareness, along side providing positive activities for young people. A tuck shop is available to the attendants and we try not to restrict ourselves to the confines of the building (Staff and weather permitting) Staff have been eager to engage with the young people of Oakenshaw and can often be seen building relationships with them out in the local parks and fields. Building trust through outreach work has been a vital part of supporting young people so when they feel comfortable entering into the centre some relationships have already been built.”

Oakenshaws outreach work is going well

Rich and Kurt visited The Ditch youth club and got a great response. Rich dropped some tunes on the guitar and some of the young people got a free guitar lesson, the young people and David dropped some tunes on the karaoke and Kurt got famously thrashed at table-tennis.

Nicola’s out reach work is going well at Community House. She even found time to come down to The Cabin – at Sandycroft to get involved with a little music video.

Making music at the Cabin

Last Friday 12 July at The Cabin we did a fun video and acted and sang along with Bruno Mars! It was great fun and the young person in the directors seat was Jane Klatt – a new member at The Cabin. It was not just all the young people who were in front of the camera... The Youth Workers David, Nicola and Emma busted some dance moves as well.

Boxing at the Youth Club



Charles the Boxer comes to the Youth Clubs every other week. The young people learn all about boxing techniques, exercise and self defence. Not only do the young people have fun, they get a cardio vascular workout as well.

Coming soon for young people to get involved in...

At Sandycroft there are workshops and talks on healthy eating. Also discussions and workshops about bullying.

Come along to our clubs in Redditch - age range 13 to 19.

The clubs are:

Batchley Youth Club - Cherry Tree Walk, Batchley B97 6PD.
Tuesdays 6pm - 9pm and Thursdays 7pm - 10pm.

The Cabin Club - Sandycroft Centre, West Avenue B98 7DH.
Fridays 6pm - 9pm.

Community House - 103 Eastmore Road B98 8EY.
Fridays 6pm - 9pm.

Oakenshaw Community Centre - Castleditch Lane B98 7YB.
Fridays 6pm - 9pm.



Come along and meet your workers: David, Emma, Jen, Kurt, Nicola, Pat, Rich, Vicky and some great Volunteers.

It's your club. It's your area.

A big thank you to Paul Woolcock; Community Development Manager for Batchley Support Group, all of the BSG Trustees, all the Youth Workers and all the people that make our clubs possible.

Written and Edited by David King. Designed by David King and Abigail King.



Executive Committee

15th October 2013

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Bill Hartnett (Chair), and Councillors Juliet Brunner, Brandon Clayton, John Fisher, Phil Mould, Mark Shurmer and Debbie Taylor

Also Present:

Councillor Michael Braley

Officers:

D Allen, M Bough, M Cox, C Flanagan, D Hancox, S Hanley and S Morgan

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Rebecca Blake and Greg Chance.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

61. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader advised that Item 6 on the agenda, 'Delivering New Affordable Housing', was being considered without the required notice being given on the Executive Work Programme due to the urgency of the decision around potential syndication onto a Mortgage Rescue Scheme and that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been advised thus.

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Chair

62. MINUTES**RESOLVED that**

the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17th September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

63. COUNTY AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

The Committee received the County Air Quality Action Plan which was being submitted to all Worcestershire local authorities for approval. It was reported that, as there were no Air Quality Management Areas in Redditch, there was not a requirement that the Council sign up to the Plan but Officers advised that adoption by Redditch would ensure consistency across the County and would allow the Council to benefit from involvement in discussions over air quality going forward.

RESOLVED that

the Countywide Air Quality Action Plan be adopted and agreement be given to supporting and assisting progress of the measures identified in the Plan that will provide effective resolution to areas of poor air quality and assist in preventing the requirement to declare any Air Quality Management Areas in Redditch.

64. DELIVERING NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A report was received which outlined proposals for the Council to develop homes and other options to increase the amount of affordable housing in the Borough to meet affordable housing demand. Officers had investigated the possibility of building Council homes on land owned by the authority but had also considered a number of other options to increase the stock of affordable housing.

The background to the proposals put forward was a cap on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) of £122M which was the present level of the total HRA debt and an existing HRA Capital reserve of £9.4M which could be used to support capital or revenue expenditure.

Officers presented Members with a predicted average cost for building properties which was considerably greater than the current average cost of buy-back on Right to Buy properties and for this and similar reasons it was not considered viable or efficient to push ahead with house-building by the authority at the present time.

It was reported that there was an opportunity for the Council to become a syndicated partner in a Mortgage Rescue Scheme with the possibility in the 2013/14 financial year of achieving significant grant funding from Central Government in the process. Given that this would lead to the Council's housing stock being enhanced at an average cost of approximately £63K per property and would remove the risk of eviction for a number of households this was proposed as an option to pursue. The grant funding was only available until 31st March 2014 and it was therefore suggested that urgency procedures might be required following the meeting to expedite this course of action.

A number of Members spoke in favour of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme. The suggestion that the Council did not build its own houses was discussed in depth. Some Members felt that it was appropriate in the present circumstances for the Council to take a calculated risk and use the HRA Capital Reserve to build new properties with anticipated rent helping to bridge the shortfall in currently available capital. It was pointed out that the New Homes Bonus, as well as forming a part of the General Fund, could not be relied upon as a source of funding as there was consultation around elements transferring to the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in 2015. Aside from questioning the prudence of diverting the HRA Capital Reserve to house-building, Officers also noted that there were other pressures such as the need to maintain the Decent Homes standards and the potential for the introduction of Universal Credit to impact upon rental income in the short term. A separate residential housing fund within the General Fund was also raised as a possibility but it was noted that this would not offer up affordable housing. The Leader undertook to seek to provide an example to Councillor Brandon Clayton of a Registered Social Landlord's (RSL) rents that were comparable to Council rents following the meeting.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the Executive Committee notes the report and the current financial position of the HRA;**
- 2) due to the various risks and unknowns in the HRA business plan the Council does not build new homes in the short term;**
- 3) Members note the options within the report at 3.12 and task Officers to provide a further report on the options for further consideration of the Executive Committee;**
- 4) authority be delegated to the Head of Housing Services and Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services to enter into a Service Level Agreement with WM**

Housing to become a syndicated partner for the Government Mortgage Rescue Scheme;

- 5) **authority be delegated to the Head of Housing Services to agree each individual case for purchase through the Government Mortgage Rescue Scheme;**
- 6) **Officers undertake a review of the Government Mortgage Rescue Scheme to determine if further funding needs to be invested and report back to the Executive Committee before 31 March 2014;**
- 7) **the Committee notes the intention to use urgency procedures to consider the recommendation to Council at 8), below, prior to the next available meeting of the Council in view of the timescales involved in establishing a Mortgage Rescue Scheme; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 8) **authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources and Head of Housing Services to use up to £400,000 from Housing Revenue Account reserves for the Government Mortgage Rescue Scheme and support.**

65. VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR GRANTS PROGRAMME 2014/15

A report had been submitted which set up proposed funding splits for the various parts of the Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Programme for 2014/15.

Officers confirmed that the overall budget for the Grants Programme was the same as in the preceding year and also a number of years prior to that, the amount available not having been altered for some considerable time. In response to the contention that this represented a real terms decrease in funding over time it was noted that the level of grant-funding to the authority from Central Government had been falling far more significantly over the same period.

RECOMMENDED that

the following themes and percentages of funding be allocated for the 2014/15 voluntary and community sector grants process: (see report for details on themes: these themes link into the Strategic Purposes for Redditch Borough Council – See chart - Appendix 1 to the report)

- **Independent Communities** = £130,000 – see 3.3.1
- **Community Development** = £ 55,000 – see 3.3.2
- **Thriving Communities** = £ 20,000 – see 3.3.3
- **Community Welfare** = £ 20,000 – see 3.3.4
- **Stronger Communities Grant Programme** = £ 15,000 – see 3.3.5
- **£1,000 be allocated from the Grants budget for the use by the Grants Team to deliver:**
 - a) **networking and promotional events;**
 - b) **advertising and communication support;**
 - c) **newsletters.**

66. MONITORING REPORT - WRITE OFF OF DEBTS - APRIL - AUGUST 2013

Members considered a report which detailed the action taken by Officers with respect to the write-off of debts during the first four months of 2013/14 and set out the profile and / or level of the outstanding debt.

RESOLVED that

the contents of the report be noted.

67. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10th September 2013.

RECOMMENDED that

Scrutiny Task Group Recommendations Monitoring Process

- 1) **the reference that “the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will review implementation of recommendations made in any report not sooner than twelve months after consideration of its report by the Executive Committee” be removed from the Council’s Constitution; and**

RESOLVED that

- 2) **the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10th September 2013 be received and noted.**

68. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS ETC.

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

69. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

The latest update on the activity of the Council's Advisory Panels and similar bodies was considered by the Committee.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

70. ACTION MONITORING

The latest version of the Committee's Action Monitoring report was received by the Committee.

RESOLVED that

the Action Monitoring report be noted.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 8.01 pm

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Chair



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

No Direct Ward Relevance

4th November 2013

WORK PROGRAMME

(Report of the Chief Executive)

Date of Meeting	Subject Matter	Officer(s) Responsible for report
ALL MEETINGS	REGULAR ITEMS	(CHIEF EXECUTIVE)
	Minutes of previous meeting Consideration of the Forward Plan Consideration of Executive Committee key decisions Call-ins (if any) Pre-scrutiny (if any) Consideration of Overview and Scrutiny Actions List Referrals from Council or Executive Committee, etc. (if any) Task Groups / Short, Sharp Review Groups - feedback Committee Work Programme	Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive
	REGULAR ITEMS Update on the work of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel. Quarterly Tracker Report	Chair of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service

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	<p>REGULAR ITEMS</p> <p>Updates on the work of the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Bi-Annual Recommendation Tracker Reports – Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Bi-Annual Monitoring Report – Redditch Sustainable Community Strategy</p>	<p>Redditch Borough Council representative on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p> <p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p>
OTHER ITEMS - DATE FIXED		
4th November 2013	Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel - Update	Councillor Brazier
4th November 2013	New Business Development and Community Interest Companies - Presentations	Relevant Lead Head of Service
4th November 2013	Positive Activities – Update Report	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
4th November 2013	Redditch United Football Club - Discussion	
3rd December 2013	Quarterly Monitoring Report – Recommendations	Relevant Lead Head of Service
9th January 2014	Budget Scrutiny Meeting	Relevant Lead Head of Service

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4th February 2014	Living Wage – Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
4th March 2014	Dial a Ride - Monitoring Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
4th March 2014	Abbey Stadium Task Group – Final Report	Councillor Gandy
1st April 2014	Landscaping Task Group – Final Report	Councillor Hopkins
1st April 2014	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report	Councillor Bush
1st April 2014	Voluntary Sector Task Group – Final Report	Councillor Witherspoon
20th May 2014	Joint WRS Scrutiny Task Group – Final Report	Councillor Mason
OTHER ITEMS – DATE NOT FIXED		
	Former Covered Market Area – Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
	Healthwatch Worcestershire – Update Report	

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	Land Maintenance Service Level Agreement - Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
	Proposed Housing Review – Submission of Scoping Document	Councillor Brazier

Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) Joint Scrutiny Task Group: Update

The second meeting of the Task Group took place at Bromsgrove Council House on Thursday 10th October 2013.

The Task Group reviewed the content of the original business case for Worcestershire Regulatory Services and one of the WRS newsletters which are published on a quarterly basis.

Members also provided some initial feedback on behalf of colleagues at participating local authorities about Members' experiences of working with WRS. A range of experiences were highlighted, both positive and negative. A deadline of 31st October 2013 was agreed for receipt of feedback from elected Members from across the county. All feedback will be reported for the consideration of the Task Group.

The group is due to interview the Head of Regulatory Services at their next meeting on 22nd October.

Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) Joint Scrutiny Task Group:
Update

The latest meeting of the Task Group took place at Bromsgrove Council House on Tuesday 22nd October 2013.

The Task Group received a presentation from Steve Jordan, Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services. The presentation covered questions raised by the Task Group in respect of its terms of reference and also gave Members background information on the introduction and work of WRS. Members had also provided 10 detailed questions to which Steve provided a written response. Following the presentation Steve responded to both questions leading from the presentation and his written responses.

Members found the session most informative and agreed that they would discuss the information provided at the next meeting (12th November) and agree further questions for future witnesses. The Task Group will also observe the Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Committee meeting on 21st November followed by an interview with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

**Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Chair's Report of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel meeting, 22nd
October 2013.**

Panel Members present included Councillors Pattie Hill, Roger Hill, and Yvonne Smith as substitute for Councillor Fry. Also in attendance were Councillors Hartnett, Blake, and Witherspoon.

We welcomed the Divisional Superintendent for West Mercia (North Worcestershire), Supt Kevin Purcell, to the meeting to give a brief overview of policing arrangements for Redditch in the future. He was accompanied by Sue Hanley, primarily in her capacity as Chair of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP).

Supt Purcell advised us that West Mercia Police were in the process of recruiting Police Community Safety Officers (PCSOs) who would work within local secondary schools to offer support to pupils and teachers and the local community. Ideally, candidates will have previous experience of working with young people and particular skills suited to working in a Schools partnership environment.

More Special Constables are also being recruited to compliment the work of Police Officers and PCSOs. They will now be trained up to the required level over a shorter time period than in previous years so that they can quickly join the Safer Neighbourhood teams and support important work in the local community.

We were advised that the West Mercia Police are also looking to strengthen their engagement with young people by recruiting police cadets as part of a force wide volunteer scheme. This would give the cadets an opportunity to raise their understanding of policing and to help them to become good citizens. One of the force's intentions is to break down barriers to entry for under represented communities (e.g. financial concerns) and to generally have a more diverse range of volunteers within the scheme.

We were told that, altogether, these initiatives will help to further increase the visibility of the policing in the local community. The force has already received very positive feedback around there being more police on patrol.

Members were reassured that there will always be a policing base in Redditch no smaller than the existing station. However, we were told that this station was very costly to maintain, hence the police are considering whether there is a suitable alternative facility that could be used in future.

Supt Purcell also informed us that he and colleagues are currently working with Worcestershire County Council and other partners around how to best deal with people in custody that have mental health issues. We were told that this is a national issue and not something that could be resolved satisfactorily by working purely at the local level on an ad hoc basis.

After Supt Purcell left the meeting, we were provided with a community safety update which referred to the activities that are taking place to make Redditch and neighbouring areas even safer, shared community safety priorities and those that had been identified in Redditch, and also performance summaries for tackling crime for North Worcestershire and also specifically in Redditch. We were very pleased to see that total recorded crime had significantly decreased in recent years.

Finally, Officers ran through the most recent approved minutes of the North Worcestershire Community Partnership from June 2013. As ever, this took place in confidential session.

We thanked the Officers for their attendance at the meeting. Members were aware that this was the only scheduled meeting for 2013/14. They were invited to inform Officers if there were any pressing issues that they felt warranted another meeting to scrutinise until the end of the year.

Cllr Andrew Brazier
Chair, Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel
October 2013