



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 6th October,
2015
7.00 pm

Committee Room Two
Town Hall
Redditch



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Membership:

Cllrs: Jane Potter (Chair) Gareth Prosser
Gay Hopkins (Vice-Chair) Paul Swansborough
Joe Baker Jennifer Wheeler
David Bush Nina Wood-Ford
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 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 (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)

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<p>4. Housing Provision - Presentation</p> <p>(Pages 11 - 46)</p> <p>Derek Allen, Housing Strategy Manager, Liz Tompkin, Head of Housing</p>	<p>To receive a presentation concerning the provision of both private sector housing and social housing within the Borough of Redditch.</p> <p>The attached documentation contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The key data sets currently available on the housing market in Redditch, and some key headlines coming out of this data.b) A set of power point slides which focuses in more detail on the private rented market in Redditch, the prevalence of benefit payments and rent shortfalls, and the demand that loss of private rented accommodation generates for the Council's homelessness service as a whole.c) A housing briefing paper for MPs from the House of Commons library on the latest developments around local connection rules, and within that, the potential to prioritise local people. <p>(Briefing notes attached, presentation to follow)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
<p>5. Voluntary Sector Grants Programme - Briefing Paper</p> <p>(Pages 47 - 52)</p> <p>Judith Willis, Head of Community Services</p>	<p>To receive a briefing paper concerning the Council's approach to co-ordinating the Voluntary Sector Grants Programme and implementation of the Voluntary and Community Sector Task Group's recommendations.</p> <p>(Briefing paper attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>6. Gas Safety Testing - Update Report</p> <p>Liz Tompkin, Head of Housing</p>	<p>To consider an update report concerning gas safety inspections in Council properties.</p> <p>(Report to follow)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>7. Overview of the Budget - Report</p> <p>(Pages 53 - 58)</p> <p>Jayne Pickering, Executive Director, Finance and Resources</p>	<p>To consider an overview of the Council's budget.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>

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<p>8. Executive Committee Minutes and Scrutiny of the Executive Committee's Work Programme (Pages 59 - 66)</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. (Minutes attached, Executive Work Programme to follow).</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>9. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 67 - 70)</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>10. Task Groups - Progress Reports Councillor Gareth Prosser, Councillor Jane Potter</p>	<p>To consider progress to date on the current reviews against the terms agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The current reviews in progress are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Joint Worcestershire Increasing Physical Activity Task Group – Redditch Borough Council representative, Councillor Gareth Prosser; andb) Leisure Services Options Short, Sharp Review – Chair, Councillor Jane Potter. <p>Members are asked to confirm the membership of the Short, Sharp Review during consideration of this item.</p> <p>(Verbal reports)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>11. Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel - Update Report Councillor Gareth Prosser</p>	<p>To consider an update on the latest meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>(Verbal report)</p> <p>All Wards</p>

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<p>12. Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Councillor Nina Wood-Ford</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>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>13. 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>