

RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

Ref	Resolution	Response/Outcome	State of Play
Min 15 Jun 13	<p>Grant Aid</p> <p>That, once reviewed, the document presented to the Task and Finish group on the Council's Grant Process and Related Community Benefit entitled Grants from North Hertfordshire District Council (or a suitable web link to the document) be circulated to all Members of the Council.</p>	<p>Cabinet adopted a new Grants Policy at its meeting in June 2016. The Policy will be loaded onto the grants page and members informed of its location through the Members' Information Service.</p>	In hand
Min 71 Dec 14 Min 87 Jan 15	<p>Hitchin Town Hall</p> <p>That, once matters regarding the Development Agreement between North Hertfordshire District Council and Hitchin Town Hall Limited had progressed, a further report be prepared for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and</p> <p>That the following items on the Forward Plan be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: North Hertfordshire Museum and Hitchin Town Hall Contractual Obligations, due to be considered by Cabinet at a date to be arranged.</p>	<p>There have been a number of reports and Information Notes on this topic.</p> <p>At Annual Council on 19 May 2016, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave an undertaking that a task and finish group would examine the handling of the project once it has been completed. This has been added to the task and finish group work programme.</p>	Pending
Min 50 Sept 15	<p>Task and Finish Group on the Commercialisation of Council Services</p> <p>The Task and Finish Group made 9 recommendations which were considered by Cabinet on 10 November 2015;</p>	<p>Cabinet established a Project Board to advise Cabinet on the best method for this Council to consider the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group. The Project Board was scheduled to report to Cabinet in June 2016.</p>	Pending.

Min103 Mar 16	<p>Task and Finish Group on the Quality of Council Reports Report considered by Cabinet in June 2016.</p>	The lead officer will draft an action plan to take forward the recommendations and report back to the Committee.	In hand
Min 10 June 16	<p>Review of Grants and Grants Policy <i>Resolved:</i> That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to circulate to all Members of the Committee the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much was the amount of the MoU granted to the Stevenage and North Herts Women's Resource Centre; • How many women from North Hertfordshire used the Stevenage and North Herts Women's Resource Centre. <p><i>Outstanding Recommendations to Cabinet:</i> That the legal implications specifically regarding cessation of funding to Stevenage and North Herts Women's Resource Centre and North Herts Minority Ethnic Forum be checked and recorded;</p>	<p>Data assembled and ready for dispatch to members</p> <p>Cabinet has undertaken to review the funding of both organisations before cuts are confirmed.</p>	<p>In hand</p> <p>Pending</p>
Min 26 July 16	<p>Presentation by Executive Member for Finance and IT <i>Resolved:</i> 1. That the Executive Member for Finance and IT be requested to circulate the following information to all Members of the Committee: How many people in North Herts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • were on full Housing Benefit; • were on part Housing Benefit; 	This information has been circulated to the Committee by the Head of Revenues, Benefits & Information Technology, Howard Crompton	Complete

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had successfully appealed against a benefit decision. <p>2. That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to investigate the Community Halls Strategy with a view to adding Community Centre Leases to the list of future Task and Finish Group topics.</p>	This item is on the agenda for September's meeting. The Scrutiny Officer will discuss it with the Committee then.	In hand
Min 27 July 16	<p>Presentation by the Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> That the Committee and Member Services Officer be requested to circulate the PowerPoint presentation to all Members and substitutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	The presentation has been circulated to the Committee	Complete
Min 30 July 16	<p>Comments, Compliments And Complaints (3Cs) Full Year Update</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> That the Customer Service Manager be requested to develop the Dashboard as a way of presenting relevant information regarding 3Cs to future meeting of this Committee.</p>	Passed to the Customer Service Manager for action.	Pending
Min 32 July 16	<p>Monitoring Report on Projects in the Priorities for the District for 2015/16</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> That the Payment and Reconciliations Manager be requested to include original milestone dates in future reports;</p> <p>That this Committee's disappointment regarding delivery against some of the key projects for 2015/16, particularly</p>	<p>Noted by the Payment and Reconciliations Manager</p> <p>Noted by the Payment and Reconciliations Manager</p>	<p>In hand</p> <p>Complete</p>

	regarding delays in achieving key milestones, be noted.		
Min 33 July 16	<p>Annual Safeguarding Performance Update Resolved: That the Head of Policy and Community Services be requested to continue to provide an annual review and presentation to this committee.</p>	Noted by the Committee and Member Services Officer	Complete
	<p>Revised Policies for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults <i>Recommended To Cabinet:</i> That Cabinet request that the Group Leaders consider whether all Members should receive training regarding Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults;</p> <p>That the policies be recommended for endorsement by Council.</p>	<p><i>Cabinet Resolved:</i> That the Group Leaders be requested to encourage all Members of the Council to receive training regarding Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults.</p> <p><i>Cabinet Recommended to Council:</i> That the revised Policy for Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults be adopted.</p> <p><i>Council</i> adopted the revised Policy.</p>	Committee to note
Min 35 July 16	<p>The Corporate Plan <i>Recommended to Cabinet:</i> That the Corporate Plan include statements regarding the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognising the financial climate and constraints; 2. Acknowledge statutory duties together with either costs or percentage of budget spent on each duty; 	<p><i>Cabinet</i> rejected the recommendations and approved the Corporate Plan without changes. The Executive Member for Policy, Transport and Green Issues commented that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation (1) had been recognised in the Leader’s foreword to the Plan; 	Committee to note

	<p>3. More positive statements about the projects, with some detail about how these will be achieved on time and within budget;</p> <p>4. Positive statements regarding what NHDC does well.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation (3) would be covered by way of the Action Plans which flowed from the overarching Plan; and • Recommendations (2) and (4) were matters which could be addressed, but not through the medium of the Corporate Plan. 	
Min 36 July 16	<p>Task And Finish Group On Performance Indicators Recommended To Cabinet:</p> <p>1. That Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive Performance updates one month before Committee meetings;</p> <p>2. That Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive Project updates one month before Committee meetings;</p> <p>3. That the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, together with the Group Leaders, review the reports in (1) and (2) above. The Chairman will then request that the relevant Officers and/or Executive Members attend the upcoming Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting to address particular issues. In some instances it may be necessary to schedule a Task & Finish Group or Call-In an item;</p> <p>4. That the Member Workshop on Performance Indicators be discontinued;</p>	<p>Cabinet accepted recommendations 4-6:</p> <p>4. That the Member Workshop on Performance Indicators be discontinued;</p> <p>5 .That, following the annual adoption of the Corporate Plan, Executive Members, together with Senior Officers, be requested to set performance and project targets; and</p> <p>6. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee review these performance and project targets and receive an update from the relevant Executive Member on at least an annual basis.</p> <p>In respect of recommendations (1), (2) and (3), the Executive Member for Policy, Transport and Green Issues said he foresaw that there could be potential difficulties in that the Council's Covalent Management System was updated regularly, and therefore a Performance/Project update report a month in advance of an Overview and Scrutiny</p>	Committee to note

	<p>5. That, following the annual adoption of the Corporate Plan, Executive Members, together with Senior Officers, be requested to set performance and project targets;</p> <p>6. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee review these performance and project targets and receive an update from the relevant Executive Member on at least an annual basis.</p>	<p>Committee meeting could well be very different by the time of the Committee meeting itself.</p> <p><i>Cabinet resolved</i> that Recommendations (1), (2) and (3) be discussed further by the Executive Member for Policy, Transport and Green Issues and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<p>Min 40 & 42 July 16</p>	<p>Shared Service For Waste And Street Cleansing <i>Recommended To Cabinet:</i> That the recommendations in the report entitled Shared Service for Waste and Street Cleansing be supported.</p>	<p><i>Cabinet Resolved:</i> That a Shared Waste and Street Cleansing Service be implemented with East Hertfordshire District Council, and a joint contract be procured to provide these services;</p> <p>That the Shared Waste and Street Cleansing Service be implemented with East Hertfordshire District Council on the basis of the preferred option (Option 2) set out in the Outline Business Case;</p> <p>That the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services be delegated authority to make minor changes to the scope of the Shared Service, in consultation with the Executive Member for Waste Management, Recycling and Environment and East Hertfordshire District Council; and</p>	<p>Committee to note</p>