NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City on Tuesday, 12th June, 2018 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Marment.

2 MINUTES - 20 MARCH 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 20 March 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) The Chairman thanked those who were no longer members of this Committee - Steve Hemingway (Vice-Chairman), Clare Billing, John Booth, Bill Davidson and Frank Radcliffe;

(2) The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Committee - Councillors Kate Aspinwall , Sam Collins, Paul Marment, Helen Oliver and Martin Stears-Handscomb;

(3) The Chairman welcomed Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg as the new Vice-Chairman of the Committee;

(4) The Chairman reminded everyone that, in accordance with Council policy, this meeting was being audio recorded;

(5) The Chairman asked Members and speakers to speak into the microphones;

(6) The Chairman drew attention to the agenda front pages and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question;

(7) The Chairman advised that the tabled paper was an easy to digest summary of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee function.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Richard Hatch thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and raised a number of questions regarding the Waste and Recycling contract.

6 URGENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS

No urgent or general exception items were received.

7 CALLED-IN ITEMS

Since the last meeting, no decisions had been called-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8   WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

RESOLVED:

(1)   That the Executive Member for Waste and Recycling and Environment and the Service Manager-Waste and Recycling be requested to attend the meeting of this Committee, due to be held on 18 September 2018 to report on the issues and problems faced following the implementation of the new waste and recycling contract in more detail'

(2)   That those questions fom Members, unable to be immediately responded to, be recorded and answered by the Executive Member for Waste, Recycling and Environment and the Service Manager – Waste and Recycling as part of the above presentation.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues and problems faced following the implementation of the new waste and recycling contract.

9   YEAR END PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2017/18

RESOLVED:

(1)   That the year end 2017/18 Performance Indicators be noted:

(2)   That, where benchmark information is available, this be included in future reports regarding Performance Indicators.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and comment on the Year End Performance Indictor Monitoring Report.

10   YEAR END KEY PROJECTS 2017/18

RESOLVED: That delivery against the key projects for 2017/18 be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and comment on the Year End Monitoring Report on Key Projects for 2017-18.

11   PRESENTATION BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Lynda Needham, Leader of the Council, thanked the Chairman for the invitation to address the Committee and gave a presentation regarding that included:
1.   A review of the previous year;
2.   A summary of the coming year;
3.   What went well;
4.   What needed to be improved upon.

12   REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT

RESOLVED: That the report entitled Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act – Quarterly Update be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To comply with best practice guidance and the Committee's terms of reference.

13   MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

RESOLVED: That it be noted that Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb had agreed that the answer to his question, asked at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 20 March 2017, be responded to at the meeting due to be held on 18 September 2018.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensue that questions from Members are responded to in a timely manner.

14   RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

(1)   That the actions resulting from the resolutions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;

(2)   That the Service Director – Commercial be invited to attend the meeting of this Committee due to be held on 18 September 2018, to discuss future plans for commercialisation and how the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on Commercialisation may be implemented.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and monitor the progress of resolutions made.

15   OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018/19

RESOLVED:

(1)   That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme be noted;

(2)   That the following be added to the list of potential Task and Finish Groups/Reviews:
• Communication in a crisis;
• Implementation of the new waste and recycling contract

(3)   That Councillors Kate Aspinwall, Steve Deakin-Davies, Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg, Jean Green and Janine Paterson be requested to meet at 6.30pm on 24 July 2018 in order to draw up a draft scope for a review of the Implementation of the new waste and recycling contract;

(4)   That, in addition to the list of proposed items for consideration at the meeting due to be held on 24 July 2018, the following also be considered:
• Whether Items due to be considered by Council could be considered by this Committee;
• Draft scope for a review of the implementation of the new waste and recycling contract.

(5)   That the following be added to the list of Items to be scheduled for future meetings:
• Local Plan Modifications

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to plan and carry out its workload efficiently and effectively.