

# **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **DECISION SHEET**

**Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held as a Virtual Meeting  
on Tuesday, 14th July, 2020 at 7.30 pm**

### **1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chair welcomed everyone to this virtual Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting that was being conducted with Members and Officers at various locations, communicating via audio/video and online and advised that there was the opportunity for the public and press to listen and view proceedings.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager gave advice regarding the following:

- Attendance;
- Live Streaming;
- Noise interference;
- Rules of Debate;
- Voting.

The Chair, Councillor David Levett started the meeting proper.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jim McNally.

### **3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business notified.

### **4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (1) The Chair welcomed everyone to this meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council policy this meeting was being audio recorded as well as filmed. The audio recordings would be available to view on Mod.gov and the film recording via the NHDC YouTube channel.
- (3) Members were reminded to make declarations of interest before an item, the detailed reminder about this and speaking rights was set out under Chair's Announcements on the agenda.

### **5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no presentations by members of the public.

### **6 URGENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS**

The Chair advised that he had agreed, as Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, that an urgent report regarding Leisure Recovery following Covid-19 be considered by Cabinet.

### **7 CALLED-IN ITEMS**

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

## 8 PRESENTATION BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader of the Council thanked the Chairman for the invitation to address the Committee and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the following:

- Progress in the last year;
- Priorities going forward;
- Responding to Covid-19;
- Latest data

The Chair thanked the Leader of the Council for his presentation.

**RESOLVED:** That the Leader of the Council be requested to provide comparative National figures regarding Covid -19 to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## 9 RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED:** That the report entitled Resolutions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and comment on actions and feedback received regarding resolutions previously made.

## 10 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2020/21

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the report entitled Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21 be noted:
- (2) That the Committee consider the following items on the Forward Plan at the meeting due to be held on 8 September 2020:
  - Careline Future Provision;
  - Draft Design SPD;
- (3) That the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan Extract be appended to future work programme reports

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To allow the Committee to set a work programme which provides focussed Member oversight, encourages open debate and seeks to achieve service improvement through effective policy development and meaningful policy and service change.

## 11 THE COUNCIL'S PLAN FOR RECOVERY FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Deputy Chief Executive gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Council's Plan for Recovery Following the Covid-19 Pandemic including:

- Things to consider when looking at recovery;
- The Countywide Emergency Response;
- NHDC's Emergency Response;
- NHDC's Recovery Response (so far);
- Next Step - Recovery Plan Governance;
- Ideas for Building Back Better.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Service Director – Regulatory answered questions from Members.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Chief Executive and Service Director – Regulatory for the presentation.

*NB at 9.33pm the Chair announced that there would be a short comfort break. The meeting resumed at 9.41pm.*

**12 FULL YEAR UPDATE ON COMMENTS, COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS (3CS)**

**RESOLVED:** That the information note entitled Full Year Update on Comments, Compliments and Complaints be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To keep the Overview and Scrutiny Committee updated regarding Compliments, Comments and Complaints received regarding NHDC and its contractors.

**13 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2019/20**

The Chair advised that, due to the time, he would ask that Members consider the draft Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2019//20 outside of the meeting and contact him with any suggested amendments.

The Annual Report would be presented to Council in September 2020.

**14 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

No questions had been submitted.