

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held as a Virtual Meeting
on Tuesday, 19th January, 2021 at 7.30 pm**

1 WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY

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

The Chair invited the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer to explain how proceedings would work and to confirm that Members and Officers were in attendance.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer undertook a roll call to ensure that all Members, Officers and registered speakers could hear and be heard and gave advice regarding the following:

Extracts from the Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol were included with the agenda and the full version was available on the Council's website which included information regarding:

- Live Streaming;
- Noise Interference;
- Rules of Debate;
- Voting; and
- Part 2 Items

Members were requested to ensure that they were familiar with the Protocol.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor David Levett started the meeting proper.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kate Aspinwall and Jim McNally.

3 MINUTES - 21 JANUARY 2020 TO 8 DECEMBER 2020

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 January 2020, 16 June 2020, 14 July 2020, 8 September 2020 and 8 December 2020 be approved as a true record of the proceedings;
- (2) That, with the authorisation of the Chair, his electronic signature and initials be attached to the Minutes approved in (1) above.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded as well as filmed. The audio recording would be available on Mod.gov and the film recording via the NHDC Youtube channel.
- (3) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest 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.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair welcomed the following guests who were in attendance to give presentations:

- Chief Inspector Sally Phillips, Hertfordshire Constabulary;
- Chief Inspector Jon Roche, Hertfordshire Constabulary;
- Sarah Pateman, Survivors Against Domestic Abuse/ Community Safety Manager, Stevenage Borough Council.

7 URGENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS

No urgent or general exception items were received.

8 CALLED-IN ITEMS

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

9 CRIME AND DISORDER MATTERS

Chief Inspector Sally Phillips, Hertfordshire Constabulary thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee and provided Members with a verbal presentation in respect of Crime and Disorder Matters including:

- Policing during the pandemic;
- Anti-social behaviour and crime during the pandemic;
- Domestic abuse during the pandemic;
- Introduction of Chief Inspector Jon Roche.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Phillips for her presentation.

Sarah Pateman, Survivors Against Domestic Abuse (SADA), thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee and provided Members with a PowerPoint presentation in respect of the work carried out by SADA and the support provided to survivors of domestic abuse during the pandemic.

The Chair thanked Ms Pateman for her presentation.

10 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.

11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report entitled Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme be noted;
- (2) That Members be requested to inform the Chair and the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager of any items to be considered at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 9 March 2021 and beyond;
- (3) That the following items be considered at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 9 March 2021:
 - The full recommendations of the Peer Review Challenge;
 - The Draft Design SPD.
- (4) That Members be requested to inform the Chair and the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager of the items that Settle and LEP should concentrate on when attending the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting;
- (5) That an invitation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be sent to Settle and LEP with an agenda of items for consideration.

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.

12 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT ('RIPA') ANNUAL REVIEW

RESOLVED: That the report entitled Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act ('RIPA') Annual Report be noted.

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

13 MID YEAR AMENDMENTS TO PERFORMANCE MONITORING TARGETS FOR 20/21

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Controls, Risk and Performance Manager be requested to liaise with the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager in order to include the number of views of Council meetings on YouTube in the next performance target report.
- (2) That the Leader of the Council be requested to refer the possibility of re-opening the outdoor pools earlier in 2021 to Leisure Services, in order to maximise the potential number of visitors to leisure facilities and provide this service to the community which had been unavailable in 2020.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- (1) That Cabinet considers and formally approves the proposed amendments to the PIs and any associated targets that will continue to be monitored throughout 2020/2021 by Overview & Scrutiny;

- (2) That Cabinet consider instigating a “reporting only” figure of those viewing Council meetings on YouTube in order to gauge public engagement with virtual meetings.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that Performance Monitoring is effective and reflects the current national situation.

14 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

No questions had been submitted.