

# **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **DECISION SHEET**

**Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council  
Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth  
on Tuesday, 18th January, 2022 at 7.30 pm**

### **1 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting that was being held in the Council Chamber and advised that the meeting was being streamed live on the Council's YouTube channel and some Officers were joining online.

The Chair invited the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer to explain how proceedings would work.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer undertook a roll call of those officers joining the meeting online to ensure that they could hear and be heard and gave advice regarding the following:

- Rules of Debate;
- Voting; and
- Covid Risk Assessment Measures.

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, Tony Hunter and Carol Stanier.

Having given due notice, Councillor Morgan Derbyshire substituted for Councillor Tony Hunter.

### **3 MINUTES - 14 DECEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 December 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

### **4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business notified.

### **5 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (1) The Chair advised Members that the meeting would be audio and video recorded in line with Council policy.
- (2) The Chair reminded Members that interests should be declared prior to an item and the detailed explanation of this was included on the agenda.

### **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**7 URGENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS**

There were no Urgent or General Exception Items.

**8 CALLED-IN ITEMS**

There were no Called-In Items.

**9 CRIME AND DISORDER MATTERS**

Sarah Pateman, Survivors Against Domestic Abuse (SADA), gave a presentation on the work SADA are currently undertaking and how this relates to North Herts.

**10 RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the report entitled 'Resolutions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee' was 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**

**RESOLVED:**

(1) That the Committee prioritises proposed topics for inclusion in the work programmes attached as Appendix A and, where appropriate, determines the high-level form and timing of scrutiny input.

(2) That the Committee, having considered the most recent iteration of the Forward Plan, suggested the Greenspace Management Strategy, Housing Delivery Test Action Plan and Future Waste Infrastructure items to be considered at its meeting on 15 March 2022 and beyond.

(3) That the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan Extract as attached at Appendix B was considered.

**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 ANNUAL RIPA REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** That the report entitled 'Annual RIPA Report' was noted.

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

**13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by Members.