

RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

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	Recycling and Waste		
Sept 18 Min 37 (4)	<p>That the following issues be referred to the Task and Finish review mentioned in (1) above:</p> <p>(i) Why a decision was made to mobilise the contract in an unreasonable timescale;</p> <p>(ii) Why, when there was such a short mobilisation period, was a decision made to make major changes to the service in what were already challenging circumstances, rather than delay the implementation of changes to the service for one year;</p> <p>(iii) Why sufficient staff resources were not made available prior to implementation of the contract;</p> <p>(iv) What happened when high volumes of calls were received in terms of systems and staff;</p> <p>(v) Consider the differences between area where the service worked well and those where the service was poor.</p>	To be included within the Task & Finish Scope	In progress
Mar 19 Min 11 (2)	That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to ask Group Leaders for nominations to a Task and Finish Group review of the Waste Contract.	<p>The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer has contacted Group Leaders asking for Panel Members and Chairs for the 2 proposed T&F Groups.</p> <p>Conservative nominations are awaited.</p>	In progress
Mar 19 Min 13 (2)	That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to schedule a review of the Waste Contract Implementation and draw up a draft scope upon completion of the SIAS audit.	<p>The SIAS Report was circulated to Members on 6 September 2019.</p> <p>Drafting of scopes for the Task and Finish Group on the Waste Contract continues to be delayed due to the pressures on both Waste and Committee Officers due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Once Council business is able to</p>	In progress

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		return to a more normal structure and pressures are reduced, a draft scope will be prepared	
July 19 Min 17 (2)	That the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager be asked to liaise with the Chairman to schedule in the Task and Finish Group on Waste to start as soon as the current Task and Finish Group is concluded;	<p>At the meeting held on 16 June 2020 the Committee discussed the difficulties of effective engagement with other organisations and members of the public regarding this task and finish group under the current circumstances.</p> <p>The effects and impacts of Covid-19 on all services of the Council has resulted in a delay in the ability for officers to prepare and organise Task and Finish Groups.</p> <p>Officers will draft a scope as soon as the business of the Council returns to some normality.</p> <p>The commencement of this task and finish group is likely to be delayed some time.</p>	In progress
Sept 19 Min 38 (3)	That the Task and Finish Group for the Waste Contract be divided into two separate groups: (i) Tender and Contract; (ii) Community Engagement	At the meeting on 16 June the Committee agreed that the scope of the proposed Task and Finish Group on communication in relation to the Waste Contract be widened to encompass Communication and Engagement generally.	In progress
Sept 19 Min 39 (4)	That the Scope for the Task and Finish Group on the Waste Contract be approved by the Chairman of that Task and Finish Group, and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny.	Please see the comments above regarding the preparation of draft scopes.	
June 20 Min 9 (1)	That the Task and Finish Group on the Waste Contract continue to be undertaken, but consideration be given to timing in light of Covid 19 and the need to engage with the community.	Please see the notes above	In Progress
	Task and Finish Group on Community Engagement		
June 20 Min 9 (3)	That the scope of the proposed Task and Finish Group on communication in relation to the Waste Contract be widened to encompass Communication and Engagement generally.	Please see notes above	In progress

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	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
Mar 21 Min 91 (2)	That, subject to the following amendments, the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2020/21 be presented to Annual Council: (i) That a section be added to the Annual report regarding attendance and viewing figures	Due to the Annual Council being a quorate plus meeting, it was decided, with permission of the Chair of this Committee, that the Annual Report be presented to the next meeting of the Council at which all Members are able to attend.	In Progress
	LOCAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION		
Mar 21 Min 93 (4)	Recommended to Cabinet: That a Member working group be arranged to discuss the Design and Sustainability SPDs prior to consideration of these by Cabinet	This recommendation was agreed by Cabinet The Strategic Planning Team will organise this when appropriate to do so	In Progress
	PERFORMANCE MONITORING		
Sept 19 Min 44 (2)	That whilst it had been reported to the Committee that the Local Plan had been marked as complete, following consideration by the Inspector, there was still further work to be prepared. The Controls, Risk and Performance Manager was requested to continue to report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Local Plan.	This continues to be reported on by the Controls, Risk and Performance Manager	To be removed
	DRAFT DESIGN SPD		
Sep 20 Min 43	That the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Sam Collins be requested to consult with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport , the Service Director – Regulatory and the Principal Landscape and Urban Designer to consider strengthening the wording of the document in accordance with the comments made in the body of the Minutes, prior to the Cabinet meeting where the report would be considered. RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: (1) That the Draft Design SPD be amended to take into account the comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as detailed in the Minute above;	This was included in the report Entitled Local Plan Implementation, which was considered by O&S on 9 March 2021	To be removed

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	<p>(2) That the Draft Design SPD be amended in line with the outcome of the meeting mentioned in the resolution above;</p> <p>(3) That the consultation period on the Draft Design SPD be extended from the standard 6 weeks.</p>		
Jan 21 Min 79 (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.	<p>A report including consideration of outdoor pool opening times is due to be considered by Cabinet on 16 March 2021</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) That the decision to open both Letchworth and Hitchin outdoor pools this summer season be supported;</p> <p>(2) That, subject to usage, Covid-19 restrictions and affordability. the extension of the opening season and the extension of opening hours by 2 hours on one evening a week for a period of 2 months for each outdoor pool be supported;</p> <p>(3) That Cabinet delegate authority to the Service Director Place to take decisions regarding the extension period of the outdoor pools, which will be dependent upon Covid-19 restrictions and affordability, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure, the Service Director Resources and Executive Member for Finance an IT so that a timely decision can be made.</p>	To be removed

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	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
Jan 21 Min 79 (2)	<p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:</p> <p>That Cabinet considers instigating a “reporting only” figure of those viewing Council meetings on YouTube in order to gauge public engagement with virtual meetings.</p>	<p>The figures for attendance in 2019/20 at physical meetings and in 2020/21 at virtual meetings, plus figures of those viewing the recording after the meetings had taken place are included in the Performance Indicator report for information</p> <p>As there are now two complete years of comparative data It is not intended that officers collect further figures unless circumstances change</p> <p>The Government has put out an open call for evidence. They are seeking the views of individual members of the public; prospective and current local authority members/representatives; officers/leaders of local authorities who have been meeting remotely; and those bodies that represent the interests of local members/representatives at all levels.</p> <p>The Committee Team are working on a response to this call for evidence, which will include the comparative data on attendance at meetings.</p>	To be removed