

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

16 July 2019

7.30 - 8.05 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Bob Davis (Chair)
Councillor Simon Carter
Councillor Joel Charles
Councillor Tony Edwards
Councillor Shannon Jezzard
Councillor Emma Toal
Councillor Chris Vince

Also Present

Councillor Frances Mason

Officers

Simon Freeman, Head of Finance and Deputy to the Managing Director
Adam Rees, Governance Support Officer

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Carter, Maggie Hulcoop and Shona Johnson.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2019 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

a) Minute 69 - Review of Paddling Pools - Interim Report

In response to Councillor Charles, the Chair said that the focus group had met and their suggested changes had been incorporated into the consultation brief. The consultation had been through the tender process and a consultant was due to be appointed shortly.

It was agreed that a copy of the consultation brief would be circulated to all Committee members.

5. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

6. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

7. **COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2019/20**

The Committee received a report proposing a Work Plan for 2019/20.

Councillor Edwards requested that a Review of Adult Social Care was added to the Work Plan and that the relevant Officers from the County Council were invited to give a presentation. The Committee agreed that the presentation should provide an overview of Essex, and then focus on issues affecting Harlow. In particular, barriers and challenges surrounding mental health and learning, and unpaid carers.

The Chair said that Councillors David Carter and Hulcoop had raised concerns about health care provision in the town. It was noted that the CCG had attended the Committee recently and it was therefore agreed that the Chair would write to the CCG about the effects of recent changes.

The Committee discussed the review of Permitted Development. Simon Freeman, Head of Finance and Deputy to the Managing Director said that a number of London boroughs and councils in Essex had met about the number of people who had been moved from London to housing in Essex which had been converted under Permitted Development rights. It had been agreed that the solution would be looked at this work would be carried out over the next months. As a result it was agreed that an update was brought to either the October or December Committee meeting with a final report at the meeting in March.

It was agreed that Essex Police would be invited to attend the meeting in February in order to discuss policing within the town.

Councillor Simon Carter referenced Minute 66 of the meeting on 13 March 2018. He said that following the resolution of Full Council on 11 July 2019 there were still outstanding issues relating to the Church Langley Fund. The Chair invited Councillor Carter to write to him listing any outstanding issues.

RESOLVED that the work plan be approved as attached to the minutes.

8. **RESPONSES OF THE CABINET TO REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

- a) Response of the Cabinet to the Review of Improving the Provision of Bus Services in Harlow

RESOLVED that the outcomes of the Local Bus Consultation relating to future requirements in Harlow and wider areas be referred to the Garden Town Board.

9. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

10. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2019/20

Work	Tuesday 16 July 2019	Tuesday 3 September 2019	Tuesday 15 October 2019	Tuesday 3 December 2019	Tuesday 11 February 2020	Tuesday 17 March 2020
Review of the Impact of Permitted Development				Update Report		Final Report
Review of Policing in the Town					Presentation from Essex Police	
Review of Paddling Pools		Verbal Update	Update Report			
Review of Educational Provision				Scoping Report		
Review of Youth Club Provision			Scoping Report			
Review of Adult Social Care in Harlow				Presentation from Essex County Council		
Transport Links in and out of Harlow						