

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

18 February 2020

7.30 - 9.00 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Tony Edwards (Chair)
Councillor David Carter (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Simon Carter
Councillor Joel Charles
Councillor Bob Davis
Councillor Maggie Hulcoop
Councillor Shannon Jezzard
Councillor Shona Johnson
Councillor Emma Toal
Councillor Chris Vince

Also Present

Councillor Eugenie Harvey

Officers

Simon Freeman, Head of Finance and Deputy to the Chief Executive
Jane Greer, Head of Community Wellbeing
Christine Howard, Youth and Citizenship Manager
Adam Rees, Governance Support Officer

35. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

None.

36. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

37. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

38. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

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

None.

40. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

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

RESOLVED that the following response was noted.

- a) Response of the Cabinet to the Review of Overview and Scrutiny - Initial Report

42. **REVIEW OF PADDLING POOLS - FINAL REPORT**

The Committee received a final report on the review of paddling pools. It was recommended that health and safety issues across the sites were addressed, opportunities to improve toilet and changing facilities were explored and that a pilot scheme at Staple Tye to introduce toilet and changing facilities, along with a splash park facility alongside the paddling pool was approved.

The Committee agreed that health and safety works should be prioritised. Councillor Charles requested that a timeline for the works was provided, along with a detailed breakdown of costs. It was agreed that these would be provided.

RESOLVED that it was recommended to Cabinet that:

- A** Health and safety issues including staff access to the pump rooms at Norman Booth and Town Park be addressed.
- B** Perimeter railings at Town Park paddling pool to prevent water contamination mainly from domestic and wild animals, particularly at times when the pool is 'closed' and therefore unsupervised would be installed.
- C** On a site-by-site basis, opportunities for the provision of either mobile toilet/changing facilities sited for the duration of the school summer holidays or the provision of permanent toilet/changing facilities where possible would be considered.
- D** Internal railings to separate play park equipment from water play at Sumners, Norman Booth and Staple Tye would be installed.
- E** A pilot scheme at Staple Tye to introduce toilet and changing facilities, with a new splash park alongside the paddling pool was approved.
- F** Detailed timelines and costings in respect of each of the proposals would be provided.

43. **REVIEW OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN HARLOW - AGREEMENT OF QUESTIONS**

It was agreed this would be considered in the next council year, following the implementation of new work planning procedures due to be considered at the next Committee meeting on 17 March 2020.

44. **WORK PLAN**

The Committee received a report summarising its work plan for 2019/20. It was agreed that a note on the review of Permitted Development would be circulated to Committee members. This would be in place of the report due to be considered at the meeting on 17 March 2020.

RESOLVED that the work plan be noted.

45. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

46. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE