

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 2014 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: E Davies (Chairman), J Phillips (Vice-Chairman), R Bishop, P B Harrison, M Rayner, C Rogers, A M Sewell, J A Shaw, S J Williams, M J Wrench and G C Yarranton.

Observers

Councillors: N Desmond, M J Hart, M J Stooke and P W Wooldridge.

OS.25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: J Greener, P V Hayward, V Higgs, L Hyde, T L Onslow and M Price.

OS.26 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor R Bishop was appointed as a substitute for Councillor M Price.
Councillor P B Harrison was appointed as a substitute for Councillor T L Onslow.
Councillor J A Shaw was appointed as a substitute for Councillor V Higgs.
Councillor S J Williams was appointed as a substitute for Councillor P V Hayward.
Councillor G C Yarranton was appointed as a substitute for Councillor J Greener.

OS.27 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

OS.28 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July, 10th July and 23rd July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor N Desmond entered the meeting at this point, (6.08pm).

OS.29 Wyre Forest Health Action Plan Update

The Committee considered a report from the Principal Health and Sustainability Officer which provided Members with an update on the work undertaken to improve health and wellbeing in Wyre Forest. The report also sought endorsement of the new Wyre Forest Health Action Plan 2014/15.

Councillor C Rogers entered the meeting at this point, (6.12pm).

The Strategic Housing Services Manager led Members through the report and tabled several additional pages to the 2013/14 and 2014/15 action plans which had

been omitted from the original report.

The Committee scrutinised each page of the action plans in turn and agreed the health data (where available) for the District could be used to identify 'hotspot' areas within the District to enable a more targeted approach to the projects undertaken to tackle specific health related issues subject to the agreement of the Health Improvement Co-ordinator.

The Strategic Housing Services Manager also agreed to distribute a list of projects funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Health Funding to date to the committee.

Agreed:

- **The Strategic Housing Services Manager to distribute a list of projects funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Health Funding to date to the Committee.**

Recommend to Cabinet:

- **That the Wyre Forest Health Action Plan 2014/15, as attached at Appendix 2 to the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be approved.**
- **The Health Data for the District be used to identify 'hotspot' areas within the District (where available) to enable a more targeted approach to specific projects subject to the agreement of the Health Improvement Co-ordinator.**

Councillor M Hart left the meeting at this point, (6.35pm).

OS.30

How Are We Doing? Performance Update (Q1)

The Committee received an update report on the performance of the Council for quarter 1, from 1st April 2014 to 30th June 2014.

The Business Improvement Officer led Members through the report and appendices. A Member raised a question about the Bewdley Medical Centre action (WFF 14/15 15), a request for an update on what interim parking arrangements would be in place whilst the work was being undertaken, was made. Members also queried the Public Toilets action (WFF 14/15 43), it was felt the update on the Bewdley community toilet scheme was out of date and a Member requested further information on the Broadwaters project.

The Business Improvement Officer agreed to obtain updates from the relevant Directors for circulation to the Committee. It was also agreed that for future meetings the Business Improvement Officer would produce a report with the latest updates for circulation at the meeting.

Agreed:

- **The progress in performance for quarter 1 be noted.**
- **The Business Improvement Officer to obtain an update on the queries raised for circulation to the Committee.**

- For future meetings, the Business Improvement Officer to produce a report with the latest updates for the Committee.

**OS.31 Recommendations from Treasury Management Review Panel:
Consideration of Annual Report on Treasury Management Service, Actual Prudential Indicators 2013/14 and Technical Revision to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2014/15**

The Committee received a report from the Chief Financial Officer which provided a review of the treasury management activities for 2013/14, in line with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).

The Chief Financial Officer led Members in-depth through the report. The Chairman of the Treasury Management Review Panel, Councillor P Harrison, advised the Committee that the report had been fully scrutinised by the Panel at its meeting on 1st September 2014, following a comprehensive training session from the Council's Treasury Management Advisors, Capita.

A discussion ensued regarding the importance of Members attending the Treasury Management training sessions. The Chief Financial Officer agreed to look at the possibility of arranging a later start time for the January 2015 training session to enable more Members to attend.

Agreed:

- The Chief Financial Officer to circulate the Treasury Management Training Presentation from 1st September 2014 to Members and endeavour to arrange a later start time for the January 2015 training session.

Recommend to Council to:

1. Approve the actual 2013/14 prudential and treasury indicators as set out in the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. Note the annual treasury management report for 2013/14.
3. Note the technical revision to the Investment Policy and Strategy Statement 2014/15, set out in Appendix 2 to the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

OS.32 Feedback from Cabinet

Agreed: The content of the Cabinet action list, following consideration of the recommendations from its meeting on 22nd July 2014 be noted.

OS.33 Work Programme

The Chairman asked Members to send any suggestions for the work programme to the Committee and Member Services Officer.

OS.34 Press Involvement

There were no future items for scrutiny that might require publicity.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.10pm.