

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2014 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: E Davies (Chairman), J Phillips (Vice-Chairman), J Greener, P V Hayward, V Higgs, B McFarland, T L Onslow, M Rayner, C Rogers, J A Shaw and M J Wrench.

Observers

Councillors J-P Campion, A R Clent, M J Hart, A T Hingley, M B Kelly and M J Stooke.

OS.35 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Hyde, M Price and A M Sewell.

OS.36 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor B McFarland was appointed as a substitute for Councillor A M Sewell. Councillor J A Shaw was appointed as a substitute for Councillor L Hyde.

OS.37 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

OS.38 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

OS.39 Design Supplementary Planning Document - Consultation Draft

The Committee considered a report from the Policy and Monitoring Officer which provided an update on the Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Early Engagement consultation and presented a summary of responses. The report also outlined the content of the Draft Design Guidance SPD.

Members received a comprehensive power point presentation that summarised the document, which had been fully scrutinised by the Local Plans Review Panel in September 2014. Members agreed the document was well written and easy to understand and welcomed further emphasis on the use of green technology.

Agreed: Recommend to Cabinet:

That the Design Guidance SPD Consultation Draft as attached at Appendix 2, to the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be approved for public consultation at the end of October for six weeks.

OS.40 Feedback from Cabinet

Agreed: The content of Cabinet action list, following consideration of the recommendations from its meeting on 16th September 2014 be noted.

OS.41 Work Programme

Agreed: The work programme be noted.

OS.42 Press Involvement

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

OS.43 Exempt Information

Decision: Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraphs 2, 6 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

OS.44 New Leisure Centre Update

The Committee received a report from the Cultural Services Manager which summarised the progress made on the project.

The Cultural Services Manager led Members through the exempt report and the following points were highlighted:

- Tenders had been received on Friday 19th September 2014 and were in the process of being evaluated in accordance with the evaluation model.
- Following the evaluation process, reports would be prepared for Sport England to take the application to their Board Meeting on 3rd November 2014.
- Work continued on the options for potential bus routes to service the new leisure centre.

Members discussed the update and agreed it would be beneficial to receive a presentation of the design of the new leisure centre from the successful tenderer. The Chairman announced a Special Meeting of the Committee would be held and all Members of the Council would be invited to attend.

Agreed:

- **The Update be noted.**
- **A Special Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held to receive a presentation of the design from the successful tenderer. All Members of the Council to be invited to attend.**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.03pm.