

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE 2015 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: H E Dyke (Chairman), S Arnold (Vice-Chairman), G W Ballinger, J R Desmond, J Greener, A T Hingley, D Little, J Phillips, C Rogers and S J Williams.

Observers

Councillors: J-P Campion, S J Chambers and M J Hart.

OS.1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

OS.2 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed.

OS.3 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

OS.4 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

OS.5 Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document – Adoption

The Committee considered a report from the Planning Policy Manager which updated Members on the responses received to the Draft Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) consultation, and presented the final version of the SPD for formal adoption.

The Policy & Monitoring Officer led Members through the report and appendices and advised that work on the SPD commenced with an Early Engagement consultation which took place between 23rd January and 21st February 2014, and included a stakeholder workshop.

The Committee discussed the document and in response to a Members' question, the Planning Policy Manager confirmed that Parish and Town Council's were statutory consultees.

Agreed:

Recommend to Cabinet:

The Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document as attached at Appendix 2 of the report to the Overview and Scrutiny, be formally adopted.

Councillor J-P Campion left the meeting at this point, (6.25pm).

OS.6 How Are We Doing? Performance Update

The Committee considered a report from the Business Improvement Officer which updated Members on the performance of the Council for quarter 4 (from 1st January to 31st March 2015).

The Business Improvement Officer led Members through the report and gave a brief explanation on the actions that appeared in the exception report set out at appendix 1 of the report.

Agreed: The progress in performance for quarter 4 be noted.

OS.7 Centre for Public Scrutiny Annual Survey 2013-14 and Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Tracking 2014-15

The Committee received a report from the Committee and Member Services Officer which reviewed the key findings from the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) Annual Survey of Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government Annual Survey 2013-14, and presented the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's tracking recommendations from 2014-15.

Agreed: The recommendation tracking for 2014-15 be noted.

OS.8 Work Programme

The Committee reviewed the work programme for the current municipal year. The Chairman urged Members to bring forward any items which they would like scrutinised.

OS.9 Press Involvement

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

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.39pm.