

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH 2016 (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, I Hardiman and F M Oborski MBE.

OS.70 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M J Hart.

OS.71 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed

OS.72 Declarations of Interests by Members

Cllr John Desmond declared an ODI in agenda item number 5 Strategic Asset Management Plan, as he rents a unit at Hoobrook Enterprise Centre.

OS.73 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

OS.74 Strategic Asset Management Plan

The Committee received a report from the Estates Surveyors which invited the Committee to consider the proposed Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) 2016-21.

Members were reminded that Appendix 2 of the report was Exempt and were asked to keep any detailed questions until the meeting had moved into exempt.

The Director of Economic Prosperity and Place gave members an overview of the Strategy. He explained that the Council had reviewed its approach to utilising its assets to support the local economy through plans to regenerate key sites in the district as well as supporting local businesses to invest in their own plans for growth.

The Council had appointed external consultants to undertake a review of the

Council's assets and this had resulted in the establishment of the Evergreen Investment Fund.

Agreed: Recommend to Cabinet that the Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) be adopted as presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 3rd March 2016.

OS.75 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.76 Strategic Asset Management Plan

The Director for Economic Prosperity and Place took Members through Appendix 2 and advised the committee that the disposal strategy was subject to a piece of work that was taking place with the Council's auditors which was required under accounting code IFRS13.

The Committee discussed the exempt appendix 2. The Chairman noted the items on Appendix 2 and the committee agreed for them to be included.

The Committee returned to Open Session for the remainder of the meeting.

OS.77 Work Programme

The Committee considered the work programme for the remainder of the municipal year. The Chairman advised that she was still waiting for names for the S106 Review Panel.

Agreed: The work programme be noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.22pm.