

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2021 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: M J Hart (Chairman), S E N Rook (Vice-Chairman), S J Chambers, R H Coleman, P Dyke, A L L'Huillier, S Miah, T L Onslow, C Rogers, D R Sheppard and P W M Young.

Observers

Councillor: G W Ballinger, H E Dyke, P Harrison, F M Oborski MBE and M Rayner.

OS.46 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N J Desmond, Councillor C Edginton-White and Councillor S Griffiths.

OS.47 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor C Rogers was a substitute for Councillor N J Desmond, Councillor R H Coleman was a substitute for Councillor C Edginton-White and Councillor P W M Young was a substitute for Councillor S Griffiths.

OS.48 Declarations of Interests by Members

There were no declarations of interest.

OS.49 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2021 and the special meeting of the 9 September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Tracey Onslow arrived at this point (6:04pm).

OS.50 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Backward Look 2020/21

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director: Resources which provided a review of the treasury management activities for 2020-21, 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 Committee also considered the recommendations from the Treasury Management Review panel meeting on the 20th September 2021.

The Corporate Director: Resources took Members through the report and informed Members that the Treasury Management training provided by Link Asset Services had been well attended by Members and the Review Panel meeting offered Panel Members the opportunity to consider the report in great detail. She answered Member questions giving further detail on external debt and income generated from interest on investments.

Decision:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends to Council to:

1.1 Approve the actual 2020-21 prudential and treasury indicators in this report;

1.2 Approve the actual 2020-21 non-treasury prudential indicators for Capital Portfolio Fund properties;

1.3 Note the annual treasury management report for 2020-21, including information on the non-treasury prudential indicators for Capital Portfolio Fund properties.

OS.51 Wyre Forest Local Plan (2016-2036)

The Committee considered a draft of a Cabinet report from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place which informed Members of the progress with the examination of the new Local Plan and sought approval to conduct a public consultation upon the Inspector's Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Plan and documentation produced under delegated authority. The Committee also considered the recommendations from the Local Plans Review Panel meeting of the 6th October 2021. The Development Manager provided Members with a presentation explaining the progress of the Local Plan so far and the next steps to be completed.

A detailed discussion ensued on the possible options available for public consultation with the Development Manager clarifying the parameters for the consultation. Following the discussion, the recommendations were passed by a majority of the Committee

Decision:

Recommend that Cabinet AGREE the following:

1.1 To approve the Inspector's Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016-2036) (ED57) and the subsequent changes to the Policies Map (ED59) (together with the associated supporting documents, including the Sustainability Appraisal (ED58)) (all documents listed in Appendix 1) for the purposes of the statutory consultation.

1.2 That the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place be authorised to conduct a public consultation including 4-6 public roadshows/events in a

variety of locations across the District on the Inspector's Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications and the relevant supporting documents, including the Sustainability Appraisal.

1.3 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity & Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Localism to make any such necessary arrangements for that consultation including final review of any detailed modifications issued by the Inspector.

7:13pm - Councillor P Dyke, Councillor P Harrison and Councillor S Miah left the meeting at this point. Councillor S Miah returned at 7:15pm.

OS.52 Work Programme

The committee reviewed and noted the work programme for the remainder of the municipal year.

OS.53 Press Involvement

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

OS.54 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.55 Redevelopment of land, Market Street, Kidderminster

The Committee considered a draft of a confidential Cabinet report from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place to apprise Cabinet of the current position and dialogue with the landowners regarding the proposed exchange of land assets and acquisition of land, Market Street, Kidderminster.

The Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place answered several Members questions on the report and gave further explanation and background information as required.

Decision: The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the Cabinet recommendations as set out in the confidential report.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.40pm.