

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER**

**6 JULY 2023 (6PM)**

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**Present:**

Councillors: N Martin (Chairman), V Caulfield, G Connolly, R Drew, P Dyke, N Gale, P Harrison, D Little, S Miah, C Rogers, D Russell and L Whitehouse.

**Observers**

Councillors: B Brookes, I Hardiman, D Morehead and T L Onslow.

Observed remotely: Councillor F Oborski MBE.

**OS.09 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:  
F M Oborski MBE (Vice-Chairman), N J Desmond and H E Dyke.

**OS.10 Appointment of Substitutes**

Councillor R Drew was a substitute for Councillor N Desmond.  
Councillor P Dyke was a substitute for Councillor H Dyke.  
Councillor S Miah was a substitute for Councillor F Oborski MBE.

**OS.11 Declarations of Interests by Members**

No declarations of interest were made.

**OS.12 Minutes**

**Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

The Chairman announced a revised running order for the agenda in that Item No. 7 would be taken before Item 5.

**OS.13 Review of Public Spaces Protection Orders**

The Committee received a Strong Leader report delegating the decision to propose retaining the district wide Dog Control PSPO and PSPOs restricting alcohol consumption in Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport-on-Severn and to commence consultation on them.

The Community and Strategic Projects Manager presented the report and outlined key issues. The Committee discussed the report and they had the

opportunity to ask questions, to which the Community and Strategic Projects Manager and the Head of Community & Environment Services were able to provide verbal responses.

The Overview and Scrutiny considered the report and discussed their participation in the consultation.

**Decision: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the information in the Strong Leader Report, accepted the report and are willing to take part in the consultation on the proposal to retain the PSPOs, with the addition to the Dog Control PSPO of new offences of failing to provide a name and address and of providing a false name and address.**

Councillor Tracy Onslow left the meeting at 6.12pm.

**OS.14 Worcestershire Housing Strategy 2023-40**

The Committee considered a draft of a Cabinet report from the Head of Strategic Growth that outlined the Worcestershire Housing Strategy that has been developed in partnership with councils and partners across the county.

The Committee fully scrutinised the report and the Head of Strategic Growth was able to provide members with verbal responses to their questions. Members were in agreement to accept the report.

**Agreed: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the information in the draft Cabinet Report and recommended to Cabinet to:**

**2.1 NOTE the Worcestershire Housing Strategy AND**

**2.2 AGREE that a local action plan should be developed for Wyre Forest and brought back through the committee process to a future Cabinet meeting for approval.**

**OS.15 Wyre Forest District Council Health and Wellbeing Supplementary Planning Document**

The Committee considered a draft of a Cabinet report from the Head of Strategic Growth that presents a report on the Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) Health and Wellbeing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), following the recent consultation exercise.

The Senior Planning Policy Officer presented the report and outlined key issues. The Committee discussed the report and the Head of Strategic Growth & Senior Planning Policy Officer provided members with verbal responses to their questions.

**Agreed: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the information in the draft Cabinet Report and recommended to Cabinet to:**

**2.1 CONSIDER the amended Health and Wellbeing SPD and**

**consultation statement following the public consultation responses AND**

**2.2 AGREE that the Health and Wellbeing SPD be adopted.**

**OS.16 Treasury Management Review Panel**

Given the meeting dates of Monday 13 November 2023 and Monday 29 January 2024 at 6pm remotely via Zoom (and mandatory training dates to be advised), the Chairman requested nominations from members to form the Treasury Management Review Panel.

Councillor C Rogers was nominated to stand as Chair of the Panel by Councillor R Drew and seconded by Councillor G Connolly, and the Committee agreed. Councillor Rogers was willing to accept.

Councillors E Bourne and K Gale were nominated to be members by Councillor R Drew.

Councillor J Griffiths was nominated by Councillor L Whitehouse.

Councillor P Dyke was willing to stand and the Chairman will confirm his nomination with the Group Leader of the Independent and Green Parties.

Councillor F Oborski had nominated herself and Councillor S Miah, who was willing to accept.

**Agreed: Councillor C Rogers was appointed as Chairman of the Treasury Management Review Panel for the current municipal year and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee accepted the nominations for Treasury Management Review Panel membership.**

**OS.17 Work Programme**

The published Work Programme 2023-24 was reviewed by the committee and, there being no meeting in August, the items for September and the rest of the year were noted.

**OS.18 Press Involvement**

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

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.42pm.