

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 17th June 2019

Present: Cllr Johnson (Chair)
Cllrs Adshead, L. Barnes, Brennan, Janet Eaton, Gill, Kempson
and Pendlebury
Zieda Ali, Co-opted Member

In attendance: Jenni Cook, Committee and Member Services Officer

Also Present: Cllrs A. Barnes, Haslam-Jones, Haworth, Hughes and Lythgoe
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1.1 Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Morris (Councillor Pendlebury substituting) and Councillor Procter (Councillor Adshead substituting).

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 4.1 The Chair confirmed that there were no urgent items of business.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 5.1 The Chair noted that she would allow questions to be asked on each item as it was discussed.

6. CHAIR'S UPDATE

- 6.1 There was no Chair's update.

7. QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 7.1 The report had been circulated before the meeting and additional information had been circulated. It was noted that an officer was required to present the report in future.

- 7.2 Members and members of the public commented on the report as follows:-
- A query was raised regarding the council tax rate on empty properties and the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Customers agreed to look into this and respond.

Resolved:

That the report was noted.

8. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

- 8.1 The report was outlined and it was noted that this was a summary of the work carried out by the O&S Committee in 2018/19. The report noted the external partners and grant recipients who had attended the committee and the task and finish work carried out.
- 8.2 Members and members of the public commented on the report as follows:-
- The Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group's work was noted and it should be built on for the future.

Resolved:

That the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report is noted and sent to Full Council.

9. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

- 9.1 The Work Programme was outlined and the responses that had been received from consultation with members, officers and the public. The Programme was a draft which would go to Full Council for approval.
- 9.2 Members and members of the public commented on the report as follows:-
- Addition of a Task and Finish Group, utilising the 'scrutiny in a day' method to look at suicide rates in Rossendale and the role of health/statutory services.
 - The 'scrutiny in a day' method was an effective method.

Resolved:

That the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report is recommended to Full Council for approval.

10. HOLIDAY HUNGER TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT

- 10.1 Councillor Johnson outlined the report which summarised the work of the Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group. Work to implement the pilot scheme was ongoing by the Communities Team and an update would be requested in the Autumn.
- 10.2 Members and members of the public commented on the report as follows:-
- The participants in the task and finish group were thanked for their work.
 - The plans for July/August were 'rough and ready' and a full model would take some time to plan and implement, however it was important that some help was given for Summer 2019.
 - The scrutiny day had put different groups in touch with each other which had been useful.

- An update was given of the proposals in each area.
- Schools would arrange for the participants and dietary information would be passed on as appropriate.
- It was important that involvement wasn't stigmatised.
- Members would be updated in due course, however it was noted that the council and organisations involved needed to tread carefully with regards to publicity.
- The number of eligible families who did sign up to free school meals was also an issue.

Resolved:

1. That the work of the Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group is noted.
2. That an update is brought to a future committee.

11. THE FORWARD PLAN

- 11.1 The Forward Plan had been published with the agenda and tabled upcoming Cabinet decisions that the committee could consider for the O&S Committee. The Future High Streets Fund was noted and members were asked to lobby the MP.

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.25pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____