

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

HELD: Thursday, 26 January 2017

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 7.40pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: N Furey (Chairman)

Councillors:	I Ashcroft	R Pendleton
	Mrs M Blake	E Pope
	S Currie	A Pritchard
	Delaney	D West
	D Evans	D Westley
	P Moon	A Yates

Officers: Director of Housing and Inclusion (Ms J Sinnott-Lacey)
Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
Principal Solicitor (Mrs T Sparrow)
Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

34 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

35 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2, Members noted the termination of membership of the Committee of Councillors Bullock, Davis and Whittington and the appointment of Councillors Pritchard, D Evans and Currie respectively, for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

36 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillors Ashcroft and Mrs Blake declared an interest in item 10 'Medium Term Capital Programme' and item 12 (General Revenue Account Budget 2017-2018) in relation to Parish Council matters, in view of their membership of a Parish Council.*
2. Councillor D Westley declared an interest in relation to agenda item 10 'Medium Term Capital Programme' and item 12 'General Revenue Account Budget 2017-2018' as a Member of Lancashire County Council (LCC) as did Councillor Furey as his wife works at a school in Skelmersdale.*
3. Councillors Delaney, Pendleton and West declared disclosable pecuniary interests/pecuniary interests in relation to item 11 'Housing Account – Revenue and Capital Programme' as they or a connected person are tenants of Council accommodation.*

4. Councillor Pendleton declared an interest in relation to relevant lines in items 10 'Medium Term Capital Programme', item 11 'Housing Account – Revenue and Capital Programme' and item 12 'General Review Account Budget 2017-18' in respect of his role in relation to Tanhouse Community Enterprise.*

*By virtue of a dispensation granted by the Standards Committee on 20/09/16 all Councillors who have disclosable pecuniary or pecuniary interests in relation to relevant lines in the budget may participate and vote in the budget debates but not engage in discussions about matters which affect those interests.

38 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

39 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no items under this heading.

40 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2016 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

41 RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10 January 2017.

Questions and comments were raised in respect of:

Minute 64, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding Programme 2017/18 – allocation process; feedback (unsuccessful bids); assistance with the preparation of bids; consideration by overview and scrutiny; understanding/explanation of the methodology/process.

The Principal Solicitor, responded to questions in relation to the process and the documentation that had been produced. An undertaking was made to liaise with the Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager in relation to comments made and to arrange the re-circulation of the Governance Framework Document.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10 January 2017 be noted.

42 CALL-IN ITEMS

There were no items under this heading.

43 MEDIUM TERM CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer which set out details on the General Revenue Account (GRA) medium term capital programme position for the next three years.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting and provided an overview referring to detail as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

44 HOUSING ACCOUNT - REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion and Borough Treasurer which provided a summary of the budget position for the Housing Account for the next financial year.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting, provided an overview and clarification on issues raised referring to detail as set down in the report.

In relation to the continuing roll-out of Universal Credit, the Director of Housing and Inclusion provided an explanation of the approach, the joint work being undertaking with DWP and future monitoring.

Thanks were extended to Officers who had contributed to the well-written and presented report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

45 GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2017-2018

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer that provided a summary of the current General Revenue Account budget position.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting and provided an overview and clarification on issues raised referring to detail as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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Chairman