

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

HELD: Thursday, 31 January 2019

Start: 7.00 pm
Finish: 7.25 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: J Bullock (Chairman)
E Savage (Vice Chair)

Councillors: T Devine V Cummins
M Mills S Evans
Mrs D Stephenson E Pope
T Blane Mrs M Blake
J Witter

In attendance: D Evans

Officers: Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Director of Housing and Inclusion
Mike Kostrzewski, Deputy Borough Treasurer
Kay Lovelady, Principal Solicitor
Sue Griffiths, Principal Member Services Officer

38 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

39 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2, Members noted the termination of membership of the Committee of Councillors I Ashcroft, D Westley and D Whittington and the appointment of Councillors J Whitter, T Blane and M Blake for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

40 **URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items of urgent business.

41 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

42 **DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

43 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this heading.

44 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 22 November 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

45 CALL IN ITEMS

There were no items under this Heading.

46 RELEVANT MEETINGS OF CABINET - TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2019

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 15 January 2019.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15 January 2019 be noted.

47 DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET 2019 - 2020

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer contained on pages 807 to 814 of the Book of Reports that summarised the current General Revenue Budget position.

During the ensuing discussion a member raised a question in regard to the 75% business rate retention pilot.

RESOLVED: That the budget position be noted.

48 DRAFT MEDIUM TERM CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer contained on pages 815 to 824 of the Book of Reports which set out details on the General Revenue Account medium term capital programme position for the next 3 years.

A Member raised a question in relation to the additional receipts generated from land sales.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

49 HOUSING ACCOUNT - REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion and the Borough Treasurer contained on pages 825 to 840 of the Book of Reports which provided a summary of the Housing Account's financial position.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

50 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 (financial/business) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

51 **FORMING A DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion and the Borough Treasurer contained on pages 841 to 920 of the Book of Reports which provided an update on progress.

In referring to the proposed Board membership/governance arrangements, a Member requested that the Council explore how other similar arms-length organisations operate.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that consideration be given to the Board Membership/Scrutiny arrangements of other arms-length organisations operating in a similar manner.

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Chairman