

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

HELD: Thursday, 30 March 2017

Start: 7.00pm
Finish: 7.50pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: N Furey (Chairman)

Councillors:	R Pendleton	Mrs M Blake
	J Davis	P Hudson
	P Moon	E Pope
	D West	D Westley
	D Whittington	A Yates

Officers:

- Director of Housing and Inclusion (Ms J Sinnott-Lacey)
- Director of Development and Regeneration (Mr J Harrison)
- Deputy Director of Leisure and Wellbeing (Mr J Nelson)
- Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
- Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager (Mr P Richards)
- Homelessness and Private Sector Manager (Mrs L Lea)
- Partnership and Performance Officer (Ms A Grimes)
- Assistant Solicitor (Mr N Astles)
- Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

46 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Bullock.

47 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

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

48 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

50 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

51 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no items under this heading.

52 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2017 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53 RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 22 February and 14 March 2017 respectively.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 22 February and 14 March 2017 be noted.

54 CALL-IN

There were no items under this heading.

**55 LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - SCOPING AND ISSUES & OPTIONS CONSULTATION -
ITEM REFERRED BY CABINET TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor that advised that following consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 22 February 2017 the report, of the Director of Development and Regeneration, 'Local Plan Review – Scoping and Issues & Options Consultation' had been referred to this Committee for consideration with a request that any agreed comments be referred to the Portfolio Holder for Planning.

The Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager informed the Committee that, following approval by Cabinet, the public consultation had now commenced.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in relation to the consultation process, approach and the events taking place throughout the Borough.

The Director of Development and Regeneration also attended the meeting and provided additional clarification on issues raised.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

56 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-18

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive that gave details of the Council Plan 2017-18 (Appendix A, Version dated 20 February 2017) as contained on pages 633 to 660 of the Book of Reports, that sought comments, if any, following consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 March 2017 and prior to consideration of the final version of the Plan by Council at its meeting on 26 April 2017.

The Partnership and Performance Officer attended the meeting, provided an overview, referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

57 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2017-18

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion as contained on pages 661 to 670 of the Book of Reports that detailed the Suite of Performance Indicators for adoption as the Council's Corporate PI Suite 2017/18 and sought agreed comments, if any, prior to final adoption, following approval by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 March 2017.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Public consultation – process and consultees.
- Suite of indicators – understanding the indicators and their purpose.
- Percentage of indicators linked to regional / national statistics.

The Partnership and Performance Officer attended the meeting provided an overview and clarification, referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

58 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained on pages 671 to 684 of the Book of Reports, which provided an overview of the current progress on the Capital Programme.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting, summarised the current position of the Programme, referring to details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the current position in respect of the 2016/2017 Capital Programme be noted.

59 HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2017-2022 (CONSULTATION DRAFT)

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing as contained on pages 685 to 734 that sought agreed comments, if any, of the Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 (Consultation Draft), approved for consultation by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 March 2017.

The Homelessness and Private Sector Housing Manager attended the meeting, provided an overview and clarification on issues raised referring to details as set down in the report.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- People presenting as “homeless” – actual numbers.

- Choice-based lettings – process / “choices” available.
- Out-of-hours service.
- “Hidden” homelessness / anticipating homelessness.
- Advise service – referring people to other agencies; link / role of charities; faith and voluntary organisations.
- Duty on local authorities to regularly review its strategy.
- Monitoring mechanisms.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked the Homelessness and Private Sector Manager for the excellent report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and thanks be extended to everyone involved in bringing the Strategy forward.

60 HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion and the Borough Treasurer as contained on pages 735 and 744 of the Book of Reports which provided an update on the current position on the 2016/17 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Council Housing Capital Investment Programme.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting and provided an overview in relation to the financial position referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the financial position in respect of the 2016/2017 HRA and Capital Housing Capital Programme be noted.

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Chairman