Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 June 2014 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bromley, Brookes, Copping, Ms Dean, Mrs Falp, Gill, Guest, Mrs Grainger, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Kinson, Weed and Wreford-Bush.

Also Present: Councillor Mobbs.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edwards and Gifford.

1. **Substitutes**

Councillor Weed substituted for Councillor Edwards and Councillor Wreford-Bush substituted for Councillor Gifford.

2. **Appointment of Chairman**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Grainger, and duly seconded that Councillor Mrs Falp be appointed Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee. It was also moved by Councillor Boad, and duly seconded that Councillor Mrs Blacklock be appointed Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee. On being put to the vote it was carried by seven votes to six and therefore;

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Falp be elected Chairman of Warwick District Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2014/15.

Councillor Mrs Falp thanked the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Mrs Blacklock.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Minute Number 6 – Executive Agenda (Non Confidential Items and Reports) Item 5 Wednesday 11 June 2014 – Procurement of Services from the Voluntary and Community Sector 2015- 2018

Councillor Boad declared an interest because he was Chairman of Crown Routes.

Councillor Copping declared an interest because he was a Trustee of Older People in Action.

Minute Number 8 –Review of the Work Programme - Review of Effectiveness of measures taken by Police re anti-social behaviour at St Nicholas Park and Myton Fields

Councillor Mrs Bromley declared an interest because she was a Member of Friends of St Nicholas Park.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to Councillor Brookes being recorded as having sent apologies.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. **Comments from the Executive**

The Committee considered a report from Civic and Committee Services which detailed the responses the Executive gave to the comments the Overview and Scrutiny Committee made regarding the confidential reports submitted to the Executive in May. The Committee was pleased to note that its recommendation that the Relocation of Riverside House report was referred to Council was accepted.

Resolved that the report be noted.

6. **Executive Agenda (Non confidential items and reports) – Wednesday 11 June 2014**

The Committee considered the following non-confidential item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Thursday 11 June 2014.

Item 5 – Procurement of Services from the Voluntary and Community Sector 2015 - 2018

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that the wording near the end of recommendation 2.2 be amended to say:

"That Executive agrees that the funding allocated to the delivery of services by the VCS on behalf of WDC goes to the targeted geographical areas of Crown, Brunswick and West Warwick and to support more district wide activity factoring in some of the *issues* highlighted by the new Social Inclusion Index."

In respect of recommendation 2.3, the Committee recommended that the words "and this would total £989,100" be added to the end of the sentence.

7. **Forward Plan**

The Committee considered the Forward Plan which had been published for June 2014 to September 2014.

Forward Plan reference 362 – Evening Economy

The Deputy Chief Executive (BH) was asked to check what was happening in respect of this report and report back.

Resolved that the report be noted.

8. Review of the Work Programme

The Committee considered a report from Civic and Committee Services on the Committee's work programme.

Task & Finish Group – Sexual Entertainment Venues
The Committee was disappointed to note that the draft report had been delayed. It was agreed that the draft report should be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at the meeting on 29 July.

LEP Update
Councillor Mobbs had confirmed that there was no new business to report to the Committee. It was agreed that Committee Services would check with Councillor Mobbs before each Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting if there was new business to report, and if not, the item would be rolled forward to the next month. When Councillor Mobbs did submit a report, the process would start again after three months.

Children's Champion
The Deputy Chief Executive (BH) will present a report to the Committee on 29 July in which the roles of both Councillors Mrs Falp and Mrs Gallagher will be defined and a training programme for all Members will be outlined.

Racing Club Warwick
It was agreed that Councillors Mrs Bromley and Kinson would write a scoping document for a Task & Finish Group to look at lessons learned and would present this to the Committee once the outcome of the current situation was known.

Code of Conduct Review
This report would be ready for the Executive on 30 July so would be discussed at Overview & Scrutiny on 29 July.

Review of Effectiveness of measures taken by Police re anti-social behaviour at St Nicholas Park and Myton Fields
Councillor Mrs Blacklock informed the Committee that a report had been promised at the end of the summer on the effectiveness of the measures taken to reduce anti-social behaviour. Members requested that the Police Officer that had been involved with drawing up the Action Plan be invited to the meeting when the report was discussed. A copy of the report should be sent to the Police Officer beforehand. It was also agreed that the Safer Communities Manager should also be invited

To set the Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme for 2014/2015
It was decided to look at the report on CCTV produced in 2009 by a Task & Finish Group at the meeting on 1 July to review and see where further scrutiny might be necessary.

Resolved that the report be noted.

9. Formation of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The Committee considered a report from Committee Services which gave guidance to Members on the relevant information they required to appoint Councillors to serve on the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee and determine

the procedures that would be adopted by this Sub-Committee and what delegated powers it would have. The decision to form the Sub-Committee had been made at the Committee's meeting in April.

The Sub-Committee would only operate on a 12 month trial basis, and just before the end of its term, the Sub-Committee would present a report to the Committee, giving recommendations for the future of Health Scrutiny at the Council.

The Committee requested that those Councillors who had served on the Working Party attend the Sub-Committee meetings to help pass across the knowledge they had built up.

Resolved that:

(1) the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee membership is not politically proportionate;

(2) the voting membership of the Sub-Committee be Councillors Copping, Mrs Falp, Gill, Illingworth and Kinson;

(3) Councillor Wreford-Bush be appointed to the Sub-Committee as a voting member when he becomes a Member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee;

(4) any Member of Overview & Scrutiny Committee not on the Sub-Committee be appointed as a substitute member of the Sub-Committee;

(5) the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee comes into force with immediate effect and will run only for the municipal year 2014/2015;

(6) the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee will present a report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in March 2015 on its recommendations for the future of Health Scrutiny at Warwick District Council; and

(7) the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee will follow the procedures laid out in Appendix 1 to the report.

10. **Public and Press**

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local

Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as set out below.

Minute No.	Para Nos.	Reason
11	3	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
12	1	Information relating to an individual.
12	2	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

11. **Minutes**

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to Councillor Brookes being recorded as having sent apologies.

12. **Executive Agenda (Confidential items and reports) – Wednesday 11 June 2014**

The Committee considered the following confidential item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Thursday 11 June 2014.

Item 10 – Introduction of revised housing management arrangement for tenants of Sheltered Schemes

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(Councillor Mobbs arrived in the meeting during discussion of this item. Councillor Brookes left the meeting during discussion of this item.)

(The meeting finished at 8.10 pm)