

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 April 2010 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Gifford (Chair); Copping, Dhillon, De-Lara-Bond, Gill, Mrs Higgins, Ms Dean, Mrs Mellor, Mrs Scarrott, Weed, and Wilkinson.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Boad.

Councillor Dhillon Substituted for Councillor Davies and Councillor Ms Dean substituted for Councillor Mrs MacFarland

## 97. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 98. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2010 were re-circulated at the meeting with three minor amendments. The minutes were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## 99. **COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

The Committee considered a report from Members' Services on the response the Executive gave to the Committees' comments on the reports submitted to the Executive on 17 March 2010.

The report was produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it ensured that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were formally made aware of the Executive's responses.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## 100. **FORWARD PLAN – THE EXECUTIVES WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the Forward Plan which had been published for April to July 2010.

The committee had concerns that the report regarding the Core Strategy – Publication version had been moved again and that this could create a risk of the Council being unprotected if the Core strategy was not in place before the Local plan ran out.

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

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### 101. **REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report from Members' Services on the Committees' work programme for 2010.

At the Committees' meeting on 16 March 2010, it was agreed that the reports as listed in appendix one of the report, would be submitted to the meeting in April 2010.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the lead officer for the two reports regarding the Engaging Young People Task and Finish Group to be submitted in June, be asked if the reports should be amalgamated into one; and
- (2) the Committees' work programme, as attached as appendix 1, be approved with the addition of a report regarding councillor call for action to be submitted to the Committee in May 2010.

### 102. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON- CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS) – WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2010**

#### Agenda Item 4 - Deputy Leader – Special Responsibility Allowance

The Committee understood the extra work, including that at a regional and sub regional level, which the deputy leader carried out, but also, took into account the present economic situation.

Therefore the Committee recommended that the Executive should not recommend to Council the introduction of the deputy leaders allowance at this

### 103. **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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

### 104. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA (CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS) – WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2010**

There were no items brought forward for discussion.

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### 105. **END OF TERM REPORT**

The Committee received a report from Members Services outlining the work that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had undertaken since May 2009. The report outlined the Task and Finish Groups that had been completed and those that were still proceeding.

An appendix was attached to the report that also showed an outline of the work that had been completed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Finance and Audit committee.

**RECOMMENDED** that report for the Committee, as set out at appendix 2, be noted.

### 106. **SCRUTINY OF SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CRIME AND REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP**

The Committee received a report from Members Services which outlined what had been discussed at the joint informal working party with Stratford District Council, which had taken place on Friday 9 April 2010, with regard to scrutiny of Crime and Disorder and the recommendations the working party had made.

The Committee also considered an appendix to the report which outlined the role of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the joint committee, once set up, be asked to consider following key issues within the first year of the scrutiny committee being set up:
  - Review of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's Plan
  - Review of the Structure of the CDRP
  - The performance of the CDRP
  - Funding of the CDRP – both from the central payment fund and from partnership members;
- (2) the joint scrutiny committee be advised that in looking at the above they meet with the CDRP Responsible Authorities to discuss the key issues above and their individual commitment to CDRP. These authorities are:
  - Warwickshire County Council
  - Warwickshire Police
  - Warwickshire Police Authority
  - Primary Care Trust
  - Warwickshire Fire and rescue
  - Warwickshire Probation Service
  - Warwick District Council representatives on the CDRP board and relevant Portfolio Holder.

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- Stratford District Council representatives on the CDRP board and relevant Portfolio Holder; and
- (3) the joint Scrutiny Committee, should it be set up, be asked to approach Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust as they have responsibility for alcohol and drug abuse as well as mental health issues.

(The meeting ended at 6.30pm)