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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

14 March 2011

Present:- Councillor Mrs Braithwaite in the Chair

Councillors Boden, Mrs Burke, Miss Cooper, Gilmore, Howells, Jones, Robinson, Taylor and Wilkes

Apologies were received from Councillors Barber and Mrs Shenton

1. * **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Vice Chair updated Members on the position regarding a letter sent to the Head of Paid Service regarding the Committee's views in respect of ongoing officer support for the scrutiny process. To date no reply had been received.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2010 be agreed as a correct record.

2. * **SCRUTINY OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME**

(i) Introduction

The Chair welcomed members of the public and explained that the meeting's purpose was to decide the way forward and how the land disposal programme could be best scrutinised by the Council.

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that two sentences within the report had been included in error and should therefore be withdrawn. Members were requested to withdraw the final two sentences under the heading 'Background', at the end of paragraph 1.2 ("Members should be aware that...") prior to consideration of the report.

Resolved:- That the final two sentences of paragraph 1.2 under the heading 'Background' be withdrawn from the report.

(ii) Scrutiny Process

Members discussed the most appropriate method of scrutinising the land disposal programme.

A task and finish group was suggested with two to four meetings over the next four months.

The group should be politically balanced with eleven members of the Council who were not Cabinet members.

Representatives from the affected areas would be invited to attend the meetings to voice their concerns.

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A letter from the chairperson of the Westlands, Seabridge and Clayton Residents Association was handed round to members of the Committee stating ten areas which they would like the scrutiny process to include. The Chair confirmed that the points would be taken into consideration and presented to the Committee.

A scoping report would be prepared for the first meeting and the Committee would decide how it wanted to deal with the process. The meetings would be open to the public and any comments they wished to make could be submitted to the website address.

Recommendations would be put to the Cabinet who would then forward them to Full Council, for approval.

Group Leaders would be asked to submit nominations to sit on the Committee.

The public were advised that all previous correspondence would be taken into consideration.

Resolved:- (a) That Group Leaders be asked for nominations to sit on the Committee.

(b) That dates be arranged for the meetings.

(c) That a Committee of eleven members of the Council, excluding Cabinet members, be formed

(d) That the information be received.

3. * THE FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS – MARCH TO JUNE 2011

Consideration was given to the latest issue of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions covering period from March to June 2011.

Members requested more attention be paid to what each Scrutiny Committee planned in their work programmes to avoid duplication.

Resolved:- That the Forward Plan of key decisions covering the period from March to June 2011 be received

4. * ACTIVITIES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND THE HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees provided brief updates on the progress made at this stage of the municipal year and the work planned for the remainder of the year.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

MRS E BRAITHWAITE
Chair