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## RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

*at the Council Offices, Farnborough on  
Thursday, 21st September, 2023 at 7.00 pm*

**To:**

Cllr M.D. Smith (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr K. Dibble (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr A. Adeola  
Cllr Gaynor Austin  
Cllr Jessica Auton  
Cllr Jules Crossley  
Cllr Mara Makunura  
Cllr S.J. Masterson  
Cllr Sophie Porter  
Cllr S. Trussler

**Standing Deputy**

Cllr Abe Allen  
Cllr Peter Cullum  
Cllr Nem Thapa  
Cllr Gareth Williams

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# **A G E N D A**

1. **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING – (Pages 1 - 2)**

To receive an update from Chief Inspector Gillian Cox, Hampshire Police, and David Lipscombe, Community Safety Manager, on current issues across the borough, and to address the matters raised in the Notice of Motion (copy attached) to Council in April 2023, which was referred to the Committee for consideration.

The Portfolio Holder for Operations has been invited to the meeting for this item.

2. **WORK PLAN – (Pages 3 - 12)**

To consider the Work Plan for the 2023/24 Municipal Year (copy attached).

## **MEETING REPRESENTATION**

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**COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH APRIL 2023**

**NOTICE OF MOTION – YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION**

“Youth violence is an issue in Rushmoor, compared to other areas in Hampshire. According to the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) report “Violence Reduction Unit – Problem Profile (2020)”, the four factors leading to an increased risk of crime involvement are: society, community, relationships and the individual.

Rushmoor continues to have higher rates of risk factors, this being due to greater deprivation. A safe space for youth, such as youth cafes, can have an impact on individual factors for reducing youth crime.

External funding has been found to implement a youth crime prevention programme in Aldershot, but there needs to be targeted schemes through the whole of Rushmoor. A submission has been made to seek external funding.

This Motion requests Rushmoor Borough Council allocates Officer resources to tackle youth crime in the area by:

- writing business cases to seek external funding for a youth café in both Farnborough and Aldershot, addressing access to the arts, youth employment and engagement with civic duties;
- the Communities Team redesign the youth provision in Farnborough with crime prevention in mind; and
- the Chief Executive writes to the Crime Commissioner requesting investment in the area for youth services.”

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# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The purpose of the work plan is to plan, manage and co-ordinate the ongoing activity and progress of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It will be updated regularly and presented to each meeting of the Committee. It will include issues that are currently being actioned as well as those that will be subject to future work.

The Committees Terms of Reference are as follows:

- to perform all overview and scrutiny functions on behalf of the Council;
- to appoint such formal sub-committees and informal task and finish groups as it considers necessary to assist it in discharging its functions;
- to prepare and approve the overview and scrutiny work programme so as to ensure that the Committee's time is effectively and efficiently utilised;
- to undertake investigations into such matters relating to the Council's functions and powers as:
  - (1) may be referred by the Council, Committees, the Cabinet, or the Leader; or
  - (2) the Committee may consider appropriate; or
  - (3) have been referred to the Committee pursuant to the "call-in" procedure set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution. (These can be decisions taken by the Cabinet, a Cabinet Member, key decisions taken by an officer or under joint arrangements).
- to monitor and review the performance of the Council and services against relevant performance indicators and adopted plans;

- to review and/or scrutinise decisions proposed to be made (pre-decision scrutiny) or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
- to review existing policy and strategy with a view to securing continuous improvement in the way in which the Council's functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness;
- to make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council and/or the Cabinet in connection with the discharge of any functions;
- to review and/or scrutinise any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants;
- to discuss initiatives put forward for consideration by individual members of the Committee and any relevant 'call-for-action' in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution; and
- to consider petitions referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with provisions set out in the Petition Scheme set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

**(A) ISSUES CURRENTLY BEING PROGRESSED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK AND FINISH GROUPS**

<b>ISSUE (PURPOSE OF REVIEW)</b>	<b>TASK AND FINISH GROUP (MEMBERSHIP 2022/23)</b>	<b>CURRENT WORK</b>
<p>To monitor the performance and activities of <b>Registered Providers</b> working in the Borough.</p>	<p>Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Cllr Mike Smith, Vice Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Cllrs Diane Bedford and Keith Dibble and Cllrs Ade Adeola, S.J Masterson and Sophie Porter</p>	<p>The Annual Report for 2022/23 was presented at the June 2023 meeting.</p> <p>A planning and review meeting was held on 6th September. The Group agreed the terms of reference, and made some changes to the standard questions asked, notably removing the questions around COVID management, and adding questions around Mould Management and Household energy efficiency ratings.</p> <p>The Group agreed that the three providers to be reviewed this year's would be Vivid Homes, Defence Estates and A2 Dominion. The Group also agreed to add a fourth provider to the review, Riverside Housing, following reports of issues from tenants.</p>
<p>To review the <b>Council Tax Support</b> Scheme</p>	<p>Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Cllr Mike Smith, Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Cllr Diane Bedford) and Cllrs Christine Guinness, S.J.</p>	<p>The first meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> July at which options to review the existing Council Tax Support scheme for 2024/25 were discussed by the Group. Members asked Officers for further information and data to be brought to the next meeting on 30th August, 2023 to assist in making any recommendations for change.</p> <p>At its meeting in August, 2023, the Group received updated information about the recent performance of the CTS Scheme, implications of</p>

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	Masterson, M.J. Roberts and S. Trussler,	<p>reshaping the scheme to an income-based scheme rather than a minimum contribution scheme. The Group also saw the implications of improving the minimum contribution scheme for vulnerable customers. The costs and benefits of the latter scheme are being worked up for the next meeting. The Group also received a broader presentation from Boom Local Community Bank (Credit Union) about sustainable financial products which could form part of a package measures to assist local residents.</p> <p>The next meeting would be held on 26 September 2023.</p>
To consider further the economical and environmental impacts of <b>Farnborough Airport</b> on the Borough.	Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Cllr Diane Bedford) and Gaynor Austin, Jess Auton, Jules Crossley, Mara Makunura and Calum Stewart	<p>Terms of Reference were review and agreed at the Progress Group (4th July, 2023).</p> <p>At the meeting on 11 September, 2023 the following actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of reference to be revised. Amends to specify what is out of scope.</li> <li>• Key lines of enquiry to be developed i.e., what do Members what to find out. Set these within a programme of work.</li> <li>• Extend deadline of the report.</li> <li>• Set up a shared space for relevant documents inc. FA Annual Report.</li> </ul>



**(B) OTHER ISSUES CURRENTLY BEING PROGRESSED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>CURRENT WORK</b>
Corporate Customer Contact Indicators	The work of the CSU would continue to be monitored and a meeting was scheduled for September 2023 to provide further feedback on the new CRM system.
Stagecoach	<p>Stagecoach attended the meeting in July 2023 following a number of concerns and issues raised with Members by residents. At the meeting a recommendation was made to hold a stakeholder meeting to discuss some of these issues in more detail, in particular related to Aldershot services.</p> <p>The Progress Group would scope a plan for the meeting when it met in early September.</p>
Council Business Plan	In July, the Committee received an update on the Council Business plan. It was requested that the list of items in the work plan be prioritised against the Council Plan and reported back on at the Progress Group.
Support for the Local Armed Forces Community and British Gurkha Veterans	<p>In September, the Committee carried out an assessment of ongoing issues and support needs of our local Armed Forces Community, including welfare concerns raised via a Notice of Motion to Council on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, relating to British Gurkha Veterans.</p> <p>As a result of the meeting, a number of recommendations would be made to the Cabinet.</p>

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORKFLOW – June 2023- March 2024

DATE	ITEMS
15th June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate Customer Contact Indicators (Session 2)</li> <li>• Registered Providers T&amp;F Annual Report</li> </ul>
20th July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stagecoach</li> <li>• Council Business Plan (Session 1)</li> </ul>
7th September 2023 (Special Meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gurkha Welfare Notice of Motion (Council - July 2023) – Support for the Local Armed Forces Community and British Gurkha Veterans</li> </ul>
21st September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policing and Community Safety to incorporate the Notice of Motion on Youth Crime Prevention raised at Council (April 2023)</li> </ul>
9th November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts and Culture (Cultural Compacts (Tim Mills))</li> <li>• <i>County Councillors – Communications/Engagement (in particular, Highways Issues)</i></li> </ul>
14th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer Service – Contact Indicators</li> <li>• <i>County Councillors – Communications/Engagement (in particular, Highways Issues)</i></li> </ul>
8th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change Strategy</li> <li>• Charitable Support</li> </ul>
27th March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Services</li> <li>• Champion Reports</li> </ul>
Potential Future Items for Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward Grant – Review – winter 2023</li> <li>• Regeneration – <i>Primarily All Member Seminars</i></li> <li>• Waste and Recycling</li> <li>• Telecommunications Infrastructure</li> <li>• Asset Management – September 2023</li> <li>• County Councillors – Communications/Engagement (in particular, Highways Issues) – <b>Offered Nov &amp; Dec</b></li> <li>• <b>Consultation Communications Response - PPAB</b></li> </ul>

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Progress Meetings 2023/24

**Membership:** Chairman (Cllr Mike Smith), Vice Chairmen (Cllrs Diane Bedford and Keith Dibble) and Cllrs Gaynor Austin, S.J. Masterson and S. Trussler

DATE	ITEM	NOTES
3 April 2023 Annual Review	OSC Annual Report  Cabinet Champions  Private landlords  June Meeting  Info/Action follow up	Agreed with some suggested additions  Going forward - hear from at PG throughout the year or regular written updates  Scope option to have a private landlords T&F group similar to the RP Group  Customer Contact Indicators and RP Annual Report  Produce a Work Tracker to monitor actions/requests for information at meetings
4 July 2023	Council Business Plan  Highways issues/HCC Communications	RB attended to give a summary of a proposed item for the meeting on 20 <sup>th</sup> July on the Council Business Plan performance monitoring.  Cllr Abe Allen attended the meeting to raise an issue in Fernhill relating to Bunds which had been installed in Chapel Lane. The Bunds had been installed as a prevention measure by HCC but had caused concern amongst residents. It was agreed that this issue would be raised at a proposed future meeting with County Councillors regarding communication/engagement with the County Council.

	<p>Stagecoach</p> <p>Farnborough Airport T&amp;F Group – ToR</p> <p>Cabinet Champions Priorities</p> <p>Youth Crime Prevention</p>	<p>A number of issues had been raised regarding changes and performance levels with local bus services. Contact had been made with Stagecoach who were available to attend the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference were agreed at the meeting.</p> <p>The priorities for 2023/24 for the Cabinet Champion were endorsed at the meeting.</p> <p>Following the Notice of Motion to Council in April, 2023, it was agreed that the focus of the September meeting with the Community Safety Team and the Police would be on Youth Crime Prevention.</p>
4 September 2023	<p>Stagecoach</p> <p>Council Plan</p> <p>7 September</p> <p>Action Tracker</p>	<p>Stakeholder meeting – Focus on safety of travelling on foot between Bus Hubs and the Aldershot Railway Station to continue journey. Lack of a bus service to Aldershot Railway Station. Bus links to Voyager House in Farnborough.</p> <p>Future items had been priorities against the Council Plan and the Work Plan amended accordingly.</p> <p>Good to understand how many Gurkhas are affected by the issues raised. Purpose to make recommendations to Cabinet on findings from the meeting.</p> <p>Focus of discussion on young people and knife crime. Good to understand what is in place to address prevent young people getting involved in criminal activities. Other areas to cover – timescales for new police recruits, from joining the force to being on the ground.</p> <p>Understand the cost of Realtime Information Boards at bus stops and investigate need in the Borough with Stagecoach.</p>

19 October 2023		Invite Tim Mills to attend to talk about Arts and Culture (Cultural Compacts)
27 November 2023	Customer Contact Indicators – Update	MBQ/MT invited to attend the meeting prior to 14 December Committee
18 January 2024		
4 March 2024		

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