

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Thursday, 24th October, 2019 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

Voting Members

Cllr M.D. Smith (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr L. Jeffers (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr T.D. Bridgeman
Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr Veronica Graham-Green
Cllr Christine Guinness
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr S.J. Masterson

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr M.S. Choudhary and Cllr Nadia Martin

22. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September, 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

23. PAVEMENT PARKING

Cllr. Keith Dibble raised the issue of pavement parking across the Borough. The obstruction of pavements made it difficult for pedestrians to pass safely, having to walk round on the road to pass some vehicles. The Committee was asked to consider whether the Council could do anything to tackle the issue.

Following discussions, it was advised that a white paper was in existence which detailed a proposed blanket approach to pavement parking. It was noted that Hampshire County Council, as the responsible highways authority, would be asked to respond to the paper and the Council would be consulted as part of the process. It was suggested that the detail of the white paper could be brought to a future meeting of the Committee. In addition, the Committee requested that consideration be given to refocusing the routes of the Parking Enforcement Team to take in wider areas surrounding the town centres. Members also asked if the staff could be issued with an advisory note to place on vehicles parked inconsiderately advising them of the implications of their actions. A guidance note on the “dos and don’ts” of parking was also suggested for Members.

ACTION:

What	Who	When
To consider the implications of producing an advisory note to place on vehicles parked inconsiderately advising drivers/owners of the implications of doing so.	Andrew Colver, Head of Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships	December, 2019
To provide a guidance note for Members on the “dos and don’ts” of parking.	Andrew Colver, Head of Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships	December, 2019

24. PERFORMANCE MONITORING - DEMOCRACY, STRATEGY AND PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee welcomed the Portfolio Holder for Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships, Cllr. Adrian Newell who was in attendance to respond to the quarter 2 performance monitoring for the Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Service (DSP).

The Committee was advised of the background to the work taking place to refine and improve the Council’s corporate planning and performance management system. The findings of the recent Peer Challenge review had identified the need to develop a culture of performance accountability with a focus on key issues, timely and accurate information and more detailed reporting at service level – the DSP dashboard was an evolving document which incorporated these findings.

The Committee was updated on the activities identified in the service monitoring and noted areas where performance had slipped during quarter 2 and the reasons why. The following areas were highlighted:

- The development of community facilities in North Town, Aldershot was currently behind schedule, the situation had changed and the options were being re-considered.
- The proposed closed-circuit cycle track was behind schedule, this was attributed to the original site not being found suitable following assessment and alternative options were being considered. A report back would be made when a new site had been secured.
- Heritage Trails – It was noted that some of the funding streams originally bid for had been unsuccessful and alternative funding streams were now being considered to fill the gaps. As the funding was from external sources there was always uncertainty.
- Climate Change – the work on climate change was currently on track but the completion by the end of 2019/20 was challenging. Consideration was being given

to how the organisation could respond, considering current workloads and resources.

- Development of a cycling and walking strategy – this project was highly dependent on Hampshire County Council involvement and was currently being reviewed.

The Committee noted the quarter 2 monitoring of the Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships service and was advised that the full Council quarter 2 monitoring would be considered at the following meeting of the Committee.

25. **WORK PLAN**

The Committee noted the current work programme.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

CLLR M.D. SMITH (CHAIRMAN)
