

COMMUNITIES AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors Dale Heenan (Chair), John Ballman, Mary Friend, Teresa Page, Kevin Parry, Vera Tomlinson and Peter Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nick Martin and James Robbins.

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year, 2017/18

Resolved – That Councillor Kevin Parry be Vice-Chair of the Committee during the Municipal Year, 2017/18.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

3. Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Streetsmart, Highways and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8th March 2017 be confirmed and signed.

4. Public Question Time

No public questions were asked.

5. Work Programme 2017/18

The Committee received a report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services setting out suggested items for inclusion in the Committee's Work Programme 2017/18.

The Chair updated Members in respect of a consultation exercise he had initiated to seek the views of members of the public on items they felt that the Committee should consider during the current Municipal Year.

The Committee discussed the Committee's suggested Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2017/18 together with suggestions received from Members of the public.

Resolved – (1) That that the Committee's Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2017/18 be:

Wednesday 28th June 2017

- To consider and approve a work programme for the Committee for the current Municipal Year.

Tuesday 5th September 2017

- **Residents Requests**

- a) Review of Parking Strategy – how to create additional spaces, tackle obstruction and pavement parking, supported traffic calming measures.
- b) Review of Bus Lanes – With a reason for keeping or changing.
- c) State of un-adopted roads and footpaths.
- d) Road Safety – Summary of issues around the town, including Thamesdown Drive. What action should the Council take?
- e) Invite to Police

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

- **Volunteering** - This overlaps with the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Adult's Health and Social Care, so we will need to develop a joint presentation to Committee on this item.
- **Littering** – How can the Council support community efforts to clear up, what steps can the Council take to be more proactive
- **Recycling**

Parish Council – Responsibilities, Review of service standards, for example, grass cutting, play park provision, how to improve joint working and value for money.

Wednesday 10th January 2018

- **Communications and Engagement** – Capability of the Council to communicate and support the delivery within communities. For example, public call received 32 requests, Highways has a newsletter subscriber list of 1,500+, Libraries 30,000+, use of Facebook and Social Media.

This theme needs further focus as it potentially cross-cuts all Cabinet portfolios, including the Leader of the Council. Will require joint presentation with Communications colleagues.

- **Dial A Ride** - A review of the service, performance data and Council support.

Wednesday 28th February 2018

Community Assets (in particular Community Centres) – To provide an update to the Committee on current position regarding community assets – overlaps with portfolio of Cabinet Member for Property so will need to develop a joint presentation

on this item.

(2) That the Committee's Work Programme be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the meeting would held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 commencing at 6:00pm.