

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY (AUDIT AND VALUE FOR MONEY COUNCIL SERVICES) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee held in the Meeting Room at the Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton upon Trent on 13th December 2017.

Present:

Councillors S. Smith (Chairman), G. Allen, S. Andjelkovic, M. J. Bowering, A. A. Chaudhry, M. Fitzpatrick, S. Gaskin, D. Goodfellow, H. Hall, A. Johnson, L. Milner, C. Smith and Mrs B. Toon.

Officers Present:

Head of Service (Sal Khan), the Chief Accountant, the Corporate and Commercial Manager and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. F. Fletcher, P. Hudson and Mrs J. Killoran and Dr B. Jones (Independent Member).

53/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest declared at the commencement of the meeting.

54/17 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Public Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee held on 21st November 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

55/17 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

56/17 **REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT QUARTER 2**

Members considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer in accord with the Council's financial regulations, presenting the forecast outturn position in relation to the Council's revenue budget, capital programme of expenditure and treasury management activities.

The Chief Accountant gave a short presentation on the second quarterly report in the annual cycle of financial monitoring for the financial year 2017/2018.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED

57/17 **PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 2**

The Report of Sal Khan, Head of Service, regarding the Quarter 2 Performance was considered. The Corporate and Commercial provided an overview of the report to the committee.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED

58/17 **REVIEW OF INCOME GENERATION UPDATE**

The Corporate and Commercial Manager updated the Committee on the Income Generation review. He informed Members that the sub-group had met prior to the meeting.

Discussions took place.

It was agreed that the sub group would meet early in 2018 to take stock to continue with the review.

59/17 **SCRUTINY – WORK PROGRAMME**

At the last meeting Members approved the work programme and agreed that the following six topics would be included on the Scrutiny Work Programme, some of which were included in the Internal Audit programme (donated by *).

- Representations on Outside Bodies
- Review of Scrutiny and its Effectiveness*
- Leisure Options – Update
- Accommodation Review and its Effectiveness
- Changes to the Operation and Management of Neighbourhood Funds*
- Car Park Changes in the Borough

It was agreed that the Committee would look at the recommendations of the Internal Audit reviews before deciding on which topic they would review after the 'Representations on Outside Bodies' review.

60/17 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Members considered the Private Executive Decision Records.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED

61/17 **QUESTIONS**

A question received prior to the meeting pursuant to Rule 18 were circulated at the meeting and appended to the Minutes.

62/17 **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting take place on 5th February 2018 at 6.30pm in the Meeting Room, Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton upon Trent.

63/17 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items as it would likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda:

PRIVATE MINUTES

DOVE WAY/PENNYCROFT LANE PROJECT

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS

QUESTIONS