

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This report gives an overview of the issues considered at the 13 March 2018 meeting.

1. Update on implementation of Homelessness Reduction Act

1.1 The Committee received a verbal update on progress made with the implementation of the Act which came into effect this month.

2. Update on Heathrow Third Runway, Flight Path Design Consultations and the Compton Route

2.1 The Committee noted a report on the process relating to the expansion of Heathrow and information about the Compton route, including the flight paths taken.

2.2 Rachel Thomas and Dan Foster of Heathrow's Airspace Team attended the meeting and responded to questions regarding the Compton Route, air noise and pollution levels, the existing flight paths and planning of new ones. They indicated that they were willing to return to answer further questions if required.

3. Use of Lay-bys by Large Goods (LGVs) and other vehicles

3.1 The Committee received a report on the management of lay-bys which rested with a variety of different organisations and agencies according to the route.

3.2 Mr Richard O'Keefe, of Connect Plus, attended the meeting to answer questions and concerns about their cleaning regime and agreed to provide details of his organisation's cleaning frequencies and contractor obligations in relation to maintenance of the A30.

4. Planning Enforcement in Spelthorne

4.1 The Committee noted the report which explained what planning enforcement is, the time limits for enforcement action and the options available to the local planning authority to deal with possible breaches. They noted the work and performance of the Planning Enforcement service and the workload of the team including recent successes.

4.2 The Committee thanked the Planning Enforcement Team for their work.

5. Review of Code of Corporate Governance

5.1 The Committee considered an updated Code of Corporate Governance following the publication of the updated 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government' framework which defines the principles that should underpin the Council's governance structure. The new framework was broadly similar, however the key principles had substantially changed.

5.2 The Committee noted the report and recommended approval of the updated Code of Corporate Governance to Cabinet.

6. Financial Monitoring Reports Quarter 3

6.1 The Committee noted the current levels of capital and revenue spend for the period April to December 2017.

7. Corporate Projects

7.1 The Committee noted an update on the progress of the Council's key projects and requested an update on the People Safe project when it was fully rolled out.

8. Update on Leader's Task Group for Economic Development

8.1 The Committee noted the update on the Leader's Task Group for Economic Development (EDEG).

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