

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

This report gives an overview of the issues considered at the 11 September 2018 meeting. The Committee also received training on 6 September 2018 from South East Employers, focussing on enhancing the impact of Overview and Scrutiny.

### **1. Treasury Management Strategy Annual report**

- 1.1 The Committee received the Treasury Management Strategy Annual Report on treasury performance for 2017/18 and raised questions about the Council's investment strategy and a target income or limit on borrowing.
- 1.2 They were also informed that a new requirement had been introduced for the Council to approve a Capital Strategy, giving an overarching narrative on its financial assets, how they were managed, risk mitigation and the rationale for the Strategy. The new Capital Strategy is required to be in place by March 2019.
- 1.3 It was agreed to include the Capital Strategy on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for November 2018 or prior to its consideration at Council if this is later.

### **2. Update from Environment Agency on Temporary Flood Defence Schemes**

- 2.1 Tina Donaldson, Community Resilience Advisor with the Environment Agency (EA), gave a presentation to update the Committee on the progress being made with temporary flood defence schemes for Spelthorne.
- 2.2 The Committee noted the update and thanked Tina Donaldson for attending.

### **3. Review of Community Safety**

- 3.1 Reports were received from the following:

Organisation	Subject
Group Head of Community Services Spelthorne Borough Council	Report on review of Community Safety for 2017/18
Temporary Borough Inspector Maxine Cilia, Surrey Police	Update on policing in Spelthorne since February 2018
Dawn Whiteman and Lilian Buttle, A2 Dominion	Anti-social behaviour and community engagement
Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner David Munro	Presentation of Spelthorne police force structure and main concerns

- 3.2 Members of the Committee asked questions about the crime data, community engagement, the 101 service and problems caused by the use of nitrous oxide gas cartridges.
- 3.3 Inspector Cilia offered to provide clarification on some of the crime data following the meeting. Mr Munro agreed to take up the matter of nitrous oxide canisters not being included in recent legislation on psychoactive substances, which meant the police had no powers to deal with the problems caused by its use other than anti-social behaviour.
- 3.4 The Leader advised that Surrey Leaders and Chief Executives were meeting at the end of the month to address the issue of a transit site in Surrey with other stakeholders.

#### **4. Corporate Project Management**

- 4.1 The Committee received an update on corporate project management and noted improvements in the presentation of information.

#### **5. Work Programme**

- 5.1 The updated Work Programme was circulated at the meeting.
- 5.2 The Committee approved the draft Work Programme for 2018-19 subject to the inclusion of:
  - a) the Capital Strategy and Task Groups at the November 2018 meeting and
  - b) the Leisure Centre consultation at the January 2019 meeting.
- 5.3 Cabinet considered the work programme on 26 September 2018 and noted the contents.

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