

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

This report gives an overview of the main issues considered at the meeting held on 21 January 2020.

### **1. Treasury Management half-yearly report**

- 1.1 The Committee considered the report which set out the treasury activity for the period March to September 2019 and the associated monitoring and control of risks
- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive agreed to provide further detail to the Committee following the meeting on long and short term borrowing movements and also how KGE investment would appear in the capital expenditure summary.

### **2. Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)**

- 2.1 The Committee received an update from the Planning and Environmental Health teams who had monitored HMOs in the borough since the introduction of new legislation last year.
- 2.2 The Committee noted that the number of HMOs in Spelthorne was very small in comparison to other areas and that a further report would be brought before them should the number and/or nature of complaints regarding these significantly increase.

### **3. Review of Knowle Green Estates (KGE)**

- 3.1 The Committee considered an exempt report that outlined the history of KGE, the planned future direction and the management of the company.
- 3.2 The Committee scrutinised the report in detail. Howard Williams, Non-Executive Director, and Terry Collier, Deputy Chief Executive, responded to a number of questions about the structure and remit of the Board, and the management and financial arrangements of KGE.
- 3.3 The Committee recommended to Cabinet:
  - 3.3.1 That a mission statement setting out the purpose and aims of the company should be considered alongside the proposed Business Plan.
  - 3.3.2 That the asset valuation and transfer process in the business plan needed greater clarification.
- 3.4 It was agreed that a further update would be provided to the next meeting of the Committee in March 2020.

### **4. Work Programme – formation of new task group**

- 4.1 The Committee agreed to set up a task group to consider the provision of a Celebration of Life Centre in the borough.

**Councillor Vivienne Leighton**

*Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee*

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