

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 7 July 2020.

1. Role of Overview and Scrutiny

- 1.1 The Committee requested that consideration was given to the Committee receiving documentation 10 working days before the meeting date where practicable, rather than the statutory requirement, to give the members sufficient time to consider the issues and notify officers of questions in advance of the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chairman agreed to liaise with the Deputy Chief Executive and report back to the Committee in advance of the next meeting.

2. Financial Reports

- 2.1 The Committee noted three financial reports. Two set out the provisional outturn position for both revenue and capital for 2019/2020. The other reported on the performance of the treasury management function and noted the treasury outturn position for 2019/20.
- 2.2 The Committee raised a number of queries on specific items which officers responded to at the meeting or agreed to look into and provide a written answer.

3. Pavement Parking

- 3.1 The Committee considered the report of the Parliamentary Transport Committee on pavement parking and the evidence and recommendations submitted by Surrey County Council to the Government Select Committee.
- 3.2 The Committee agreed to note the report.

4. Work Programme

- 4.1 The Committee agreed that Councillor Noble was co-opted to the Celebration of Life Centre Task Group.
- 4.2 It was agreed not to proceed with the free off-street parking in Staines Task Group but to put this suggestion forward for consideration by the Surrey County Council Parking Task Group.
- 4.3 The Committee identified topics of interest/concern for inclusion in the work programmes for 2020/21. The Vice-Chairman and I will meet with officers to review the suggestions against the standard criteria for assessing their significance for and value to our communities. We will draft a work programme for agreement by the Committee at its September meeting

5. Presentation on KGE Business Plan

- 5.1 Councillor J. McIlroy made a brief statement on his appointment as Board Director of Knowle Green Estates and the future direction of the company before leaving the meeting.
- 5.2 The Committee received an exempt presentation on the current Business Plan. Officers and Howard Williams, as a Non-Executive Director of KGE, answered a number of questions from members.
- 5.3 The Committee agreed to note the presentation and requested greater clarity from Cabinet on the KGE mission statement.

6. Update on Commercial and Retail Rent Situation

- 6.1 The Committee received a verbal update on the March and June quarter rents received for commercial and retail properties owned by the Council.
- 6.2 The Committee noted the update and requested that sinking fund scenarios were shared with councillors.

Councillor Vivienne Leighton

Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

30 July 2020