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To: All Members and Substitute Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee -Value for Money & Customer Service (Other Members for Information)

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Membership of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Value for Money & Customer Service

Cllr David Beaman (Chairman) Cllr Stephen Mulliner (Vice Chairman) Cllr David Round

Cllr Brian Adams Cllr Mike Band

Cllr Nicholas Holder

Cllr Nabeel Nasir Cllr Richard Seaborne

Cllr Bob Upton

Substitutes

Cllr Liz Townsend Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith Cllr John Ward

Members who are unable to attend this meeting must submit apologies by the end of Tuesday, 15 January 2019 to enable a substitute to be arranged.

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - VALUE FOR MONEY & CUSTOMER SERVICE will be held as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2019

TIME: 7.00 PM

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS,

GODALMING

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR Head of Policy and Governance

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Waverley Corporate Strategy 2018 - 2023

Priority Theme 1: People

Priority Theme 2: Place

Priority Theme 3: Prosperity

Good scrutiny:

- is an independent, Member-led function working towards the delivery of the Council's priorities and plays an integral part in shaping and improving the delivery of services in the Borough;
- provides a critical friend challenge to the Executive to help support,
 prompt reflection and influence how public services are delivered;
- is led by 'independent minded governors' who take ownership of the scrutiny process; and,
- amplifies the voices and concerns of the public and acts as a key mechanism connecting the public to the democratic process.

NOTES FOR MEMBERS

Members are reminded that contact officers are shown at the end of each report and members are welcome to raise questions etc in advance of the meeting with the appropriate officer.

AGENDA

1. <u>MINUTES</u> (Pages 7 - 12)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2019 (to be laid on the table 30 minutes before the meeting).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTES

To receive apologies for absence and note any substitutions.

Members who are unable to attend this meeting must submit apologies by the end of Tuesday 15 January 2019 to enable a substitute to be arranged, if applicable.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Members' declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting, in accordance with Waverley's Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman to respond to any written questions received from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

The deadline for receipt of questions in 5pm on Tuesday 15 January 2019.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from Members in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.

The deadline for receipt of questions in 5pm on Tuesday 15 January 2019.

6. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019/20 - 2021/22 AND GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2019/20 (Pages 13 - 62)

This report outlines the latest Medium Term Financial Plan Projection and seeks Councillors' approval for the draft General Fund Budget for 2019/20. The Financial Plan sets out the key areas to target to address the significant budget shortfall in the medium term which is estimated to be £3.8million or 36% of the total net service cost by 2022/23.

Recommendation

The Value for Money and Customer Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the report and recommendations from Executive to Council as set out in the report, and agree comments to be forwarded to the Executive.

7. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN, REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 (Pages 63 - 74)

This report advises Councillors of the latest position regarding the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2019/20 and the updated Business Plan and seeks approval of the 2019/20 budget.

Recommendation

The Value for Money and Customer Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the report and recommendations from Executive to Council as set out in the report, and agree comments to be forwarded to the Executive.

8. <u>COUNCIL TAX EMPTY HOMES DISCOUNT AND EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM</u> (Pages 75 - 80)

To consider proposed changes to Waverley's Council Tax empty homes discount and empty homes premium.

Recommendation

The Value for Money and Customer Service Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the recommendations contained in the report, and agree comments to be forwarded to the Executive.

9. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 81 - 94)

The Value for Money and Customer Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee, is responsible for managing its work programme.

The work programme includes items agreed at previous meetings and takes account of items identified on the latest Executive Forward Programme (Annexe 2) as due to come forward for decision.

A Scrutiny Tracker has been produced to assist the Committee in monitoring the recommendations that have been agreed at its meetings. The Tracker details the latest position on the implementation of these recommendations and is attached as Part C of the work programme.

Recommendation

Members are invited to consider their work programme and make any comments and/or amendments they consider necessary, including suggestions for any additional topics that the Committee may wish to add to its work programme.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation on the motion of the Chairman:

Recommendation

That pursuant to Procedure Rule 20 and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified in the appropriate paragraph(s) of the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (to be specified at the meeting).

11. ANY ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN EXEMPT SESSION

To consider any matters relating to aspects of any reports on this agenda which it is felt need to be considered in Exempt session.

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