

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

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Cllr Roger Blishen	Cllr Peter Nicholson
Cllr Jerome Davidson	Cllr Julia Potts
Cllr George Hesse	

Substitutes

Cllr Richard Cole	Cllr John Gray
Cllr Simon Dear	Cllr Kika Mirylees

Members who are unable to attend this meeting must submit apologies by the end of Monday, 13 January 2020 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: MONDAY, 20 JANUARY 2020

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 2019 - 2023

Waverley Borough Council is an authority which promotes and sustains:

- open, democratic and participative governance
 - a financially sound Waverley, with infrastructure and services fit for the future
 - the value and worth of all residents, regardless of income, wealth, age, disability, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation
 - high quality public services accessible for all, including sports, leisure, arts, culture and open spaces
 - a thriving local economy, supporting local businesses and employment
 - housing to buy and to rent, for those at all income levels
 - responsible planning and development, supporting place-shaping and local engagement in planning policy
 - a sense of responsibility for our environment, promoting biodiversity and protecting our planet.
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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.
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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. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 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 Monday 13 January 2020 to enable a substitute to be arranged, if applicable.

3. 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 is 5pm on Monday 13 January 2020.

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 is 5pm on Monday 13 January 2020.

6. GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2020/21 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN
(Pages 15 - 76)

The purpose of the report is for the VFM O&S Committee to scrutinise the draft budget report and pass comments to the Executive ahead of its meeting on 4th February. This report outlines the latest Medium Term Financial Plan and the draft General Fund Budget for 2020/21. The Financial Plan sets out the key work streams for the Council to focus on which, collectively, aim to address the significant shortfall in annual budget projected over the medium term which is estimated to grow to £5.4million per annum or 40% of the total net service cost by 2023/24.

Recommendation

The Value for Money O&S Committee consider this report, particularly the draft budget for 2020/21, and pass comments and observations to the Executive

7. REPORT OF THE BUDGET STRATEGY WORKING GROUP PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING RESULTS, GENERAL FUND 2020/21 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

To receive a written report on the outcomes so far (to follow).

8. SERVICE PLANS 2020-2023 (Pages 77 - 122)

This report presents the three-year rolling Service Plans for April 2020 to March 2023 for the service areas under the remit of this Committee, which are:

- Business Transformation Service Plan 2020-23 (Full Plan)
- Finance and Property Service Plan 2020-23 (Full Plan)
- Policy and Governance Service Plan 2020-23 (Full Plan)
- Building Control only from Commercial Services Service Plan 2020-23
- Economic Development only from Planning and Economic Development Service Plan 2020-23

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers the Service Plans for 2020-23 as set out at Annexe 1 relevant to its remit, and makes any observations or comments to the Executive.

9. PLANNING APPEALS PERFORMANCE AND COSTS ARISING FROM JUDICIAL REVIEWS (Pages 123 - 132)

This report has been prepared in response to Councillor interest in the cost implications of both planning appeals and judicial reviews relating to planning matters. It is intended to present this report to both the Value for Money and Customer Service and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees in January 2020. The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the planning appeals process and the results of appeal decisions. It further informs Members of the implications of appeal decisions for the Council and makes recommendations for improvements in respect of planning decision-making. Brief commentary is also provided in respect of the costs associated with the judicial review into the Waverley Local Plan Part 1.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee notes this report and makes any observations.

10. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/2021 (Pages 133 - 182)

It is a statutory requirement for local authorities to produce an annual Capital Strategy. The Capital Strategy brings together the Council's detailed policies, procedures and plans relating to cash investments and property assets. It incorporates the Treasury Management Framework, Prudential Indicators and

Property Investment Strategy for 2020/2021.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Capital Strategy for 2020/2021 be approved.

11. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 183 - 198)

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.

12. 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).

13. ANY ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IN EXEMPT SESSION

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

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