

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - VALUE FOR MONEY &
CUSTOMER SERVICE - 12 JULY 2021

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

Present

Cllr Peter Martin (Chairman)
Cllr Roger Blishen
Cllr Jerome Davidson
Cllr Jerry Hyman

Cllr Peter Marriott
Cllr Stephen Mulliner
Cllr Peter Nicholson

Apologies

Cllr Joan Heagin and Cllr Brian Adams

Also Present

Councillor Simon Dear, Councillor John Gray, Councillor Paul Follows and Councillor Mark Merryweather

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTES (Agenda item 1.)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Joan Heagin and Brian Adams.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 2.)

There were no declarations of interests in connection with items on the agenda.

It was noted that most members of the committee had discussed and voted on a related matter at the Council meeting on 6 July 2021.

22. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda item 3.)

At 7.05pm, the Committee RESOLVED 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 item on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) as specified in paragraph 3 of the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, namely: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

23. PROPERTY MATTER - CALL IN (Agenda item 4.)

Whilst in Exempt session, the Committee heard a detailed presentation from Cllr Stephen Mulliner on the reasons for the call-in of the Executive decision of 22 June

(EXE 8/21); received information from witnesses: Cllr Paul Follows, Leader of the Council; Cllr Mark Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Assets and Commercial Services; Graeme Clark, Strategic Director and S151 Officer; and Peter Vickers, Head of Finance and Property.

At 9.15pm, the Committee returned to Open session and confirmed that the Committee had RESOLVED:

- (i) not to refer the Executive's decision back to the Executive for reconsideration; and
- (ii) to recommend to the Executive that highly complex decisions (as exemplified by the matter under discussion) are communicated thoroughly to all Members, and are the subject of interactive Member briefings and discussion at an early stage in the decision-making process, and are subject to formal pre-decision scrutiny by Overview & Scrutiny and/or Audit Committee.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 9.20 pm

Chairman