

To: All Members and Substitute Members of
the Overview and Scrutiny - Resources
(Other Members for Information)

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Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny - Resources

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Cllr Roger Blishen	Cllr Peter Nicholson
Cllr Jerome Davidson	Cllr George Wilson
Cllr Chris Howard	

Substitutes

Cllr Christine Baker	Cllr David Else
Cllr Brian Edmonds	Cllr John Gray

Members who are unable to attend this meeting must submit apologies by the end of Monday, 13 June 2022 to enable a substitute to be arranged.

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - RESOURCES will be held as follows:

DATE: MONDAY, 20 JUNE 2022

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 2020 - 2025

Vision

Our vision is that Waverley will be environmentally, economically and financially sustainable with healthy, inclusive communities and housing available for all who need it.

Our strategic priorities:

- ✓ Local, open, participative government
- ✓ Supporting a strong, resilient local economy
- ✓ Taking action on Climate Emergency and protecting the environment
- ✓ Good quality housing for all income levels and age groups
- ✓ Effective strategic planning and development management to meet the needs of our communities
- ✓ Improving the health and wellbeing of our residents and communities
- ✓ Financial sustainability

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 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTES**

To receive apologies for absence and note any substitutions

2 **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.

3 **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 March 2022 and published on the Council’s website.

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 written questions is 5pm on Monday 13 June 2022.

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 written questions is 5pm on Monday 13 June 2022.

6 **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

To discuss and where appropriate make recommendations on how to enable Surrey County Council and the local NHS to make use of CIL funding to provide infrastructure.

7 **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT Q4 2021-22 (Pages 7 - 88)**

The Corporate Performance Report provides an analysis of the Council’s

performance for the fourth quarter of 2021-22. The report, set out at Annexe 1, is being presented to each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for comment and any recommendations they may wish to make to the Executive.

Heads of Service to highlight areas relating to this committees remit (pages to note are Pages 4 – 37 of the Performance Report [14-47 of the agenda papers]).

8 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 89 - 94)

The Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee is responsible for managing its work programme.

The Scrutiny Officer will lead this agenda item.

9 COLLABORATION WITH GUILDFORD

To receive a verbal update.

10 HOUSING ALLOCATIONS TASK & FINISH GROUP (Pages 95 - 112)

To inform Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (henceforth 'the Committee') of the findings of the Working Group on Housing Allocations.

To ask the Committee to consider and endorse the Working Group's recommendations.

Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee agrees the report included as Annexe 1 and commends its recommendations to the Executive.

2.2 The Working Group's recommendations which this Committee is asked to endorse are:

1. The Council should keep the income threshold at £60,000 per annum and the savings threshold at £30,000. However, this should be reviewed by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny committee or another appropriate O&S committee within 12-18 months.
2. Establish a process to signpost applicants who are unable to join the housing register due to the income or savings threshold to Affordable Home Ownership Schemes notably shared ownership.
3. Maintain the existing position that children will only be accommodated in one home even if a 50/50 residence arrangement exists. An exception will be made if there is a court order in place requiring this or if Surrey County Council Children's Services (or an equivalent organisation elsewhere) provide compelling evidence that a second home is required.
4. Only housing related debts such as rent arrears and deposit scheme debts should be taken into account when considering eligibility for

inclusion on the housing register and allocation of housing. Other debts such as council tax or housing benefit overpayments would be disregarded for this purpose.

5. Given the administrative burden in checking debts and that the average time someone is on the register is 2-3 years, it makes sense that checks at application stage are more light touch given an applicant's debts status can change so much over time.
6. Establish a process by which the Housing Options team signpost applicants unable to join the housing needs register due to debts to local debt advice charities.
7. The Chair of the Housing Allocations Group and the Chair of Resources Overview and Scrutiny to write a joint letter the Secretary of State for Housing, Levelling Up and Communities to reiterate the need for the importance of ensuring the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates properly reflect rents in Farnham.

11 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (Pages 113 - 116)

To receive an update on the current council housing developments.

12 BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION (Pages 117 - 124)

The Committee receives a regular update on the progress and BT Programme savings realisation. This report seeks to provide a written update on the current status of the Business Transformation Programme.

Recommendation

Members are invited to comment on the content of the report.

13 HYBRID WORKING (Pages 125 - 128)

The Committee has asked to be updated as to how the Council is responding to the opportunities and challenges presented by remote working. This report seeks to respond to that request.

Recommendation

Members are invited to comment on the content of the report.

14 WORK FORCE PROFILE (Pages 129 - 154)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the profile of the Waverley Borough Council's workforce for the year 2021/22.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note this report and to make any comments or

recommendations to the Executive based on its contents.

15 GODALMING REGENERATION PROJECT: UPDATE (TO FOLLOW)

16 ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT (Pages 155 - 168)

To enable the Committee to comment on the report on its activities in 2021/22.

Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee endorse the report included as annexe 1 whilst making any suggestions for amendments.

17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation of 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).

18 PROPERTY INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD ACTIVITY REPORT AND QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE (Pages 169 - 178)

The purpose is set out in the exempt report.

Recommendation

The recommendation is set out in the exempt report.

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