

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

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Cllr Janet Crowe

Cllr George Hesse

Cllr Jacquie Keen

Cllr Gemma Long

Cllr David Munro

Cllr John Robini

Cllr Graham White

Substitutes

Cllr Kevin Deanus

Cllr James Staunton

Members who are unable to attend this meeting must submit apologies by the end of Tuesday, 16 January 2024 to enable a substitute to be arranged.

Dear Councillor

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

Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2024

Time: 7.00pm

Place: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, The Burys, Godalming

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

The meeting can be viewed remotely via [Waverley Borough Council's YouTube channel](#) or by visiting www.waverley.gov.uk/webcast.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Sale,
Executive Head of Legal & Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer

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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 substitutions

To receive apologies for absence and note substitutions.

Members who are unable to attend this meeting must submit apologies by the end of **Tuesday 16th January 2024** to enable a substitute to be arranged, if applicable.

2 Minutes (Pages 7 - 12)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Services held on 21st November 2023 and published on the Council's website.

3 Declarations of interest

To receive from 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.

4 Questions from members of the public

The Chairman to respond to any questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

The deadline for submission of written questions for this meeting is 5pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024.

5 Questions from members

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

The deadline for submission of written questions for this meeting is 5pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024.

6 Committee Forward Work Programme (Pages 13 - 30)

The Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee is responsible for managing the Committee's work programme.

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

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.

7 Funding Assessment Panel

Committee to agree the Chair's nomination of Councillor David Munro to sit on a one-off funding assessment panel as part of the Thriving Communities Commissioning Fund. These funding arrangements were agreed by the Executive in October 2021, and pertain to a scheme through which funding is allocated to not-for-profit organisations for delivery of specific services and activities in partnership from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025.

8 Safer Waverley Partnership

To receive a verbal update on the Safer Waverley Partnership.

9 Economic Development Strategy

The Committee are to receive a presentation by the Regeneration and Planning Policy team to update members on the progress of the Economic Development Strategy.

10 Statement Of Community Involvement (Pages 31 - 70)

This report outlines the requirement for an update to the 2019 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI sets out how the Council will involve communities and other stakeholders in plan-making and development management.

Recommendation

That the Committee provides feedback on the draft SCI to enable a final draft to be prepared for public consultation.

11 Revised National Planning Policy Framework And its implications for WBC

The Committee are to conduct a question-and-answer session with relevant officers on the topic of upcoming changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its expected implications on planning and development in the borough.

12 Exclusion Of press and public

To consider, if necessary, 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 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) to be identified 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 need to be considered in Exempt session.

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