

**OVERVIEW SCRUTINY GROUP
13TH AUGUST 2018**

PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor Capleton)
Councillors Bradshaw, Brookes, Paling,
Sutherland and Fryer

Councillor Harper-Davies (Cabinet Lead Member
for Performance of Major Contracts) in respect of
item 06B.

Chief Executive
Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces
Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and
Community Wellbeing
Democratic Services Officer (NA)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Ranson

The Chair stated that the meeting would be recorded and the sound recording subsequently made available via the Council's website. He also advised that, under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

10. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 2nd July 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

11. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTEREST

The following disclosures were made:

Councillor Fryer in respect of item 06A declared a personal interest as a County Councillor.

Councillor Fryer in respect of item 06B declared a personal interest as the Chair of the Outwoods Management Committee.

12. DECLARATIONS OF THE PARTY WHIP

No declarations were made.

13. QUESTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES 11.16

No questions were submitted.

14. MODEL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN LEICESTERSHIRE

A report of the Chief Executive was considered (item 06A on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Chief Executive attended the meeting to assist with consideration of the item and gave the following responses to issues raised:

- (i) The Group was advised that the report set out the position stated by District Council Leaders across Leicestershire, the decision made by the Leicestershire County Council Cabinet and the Leader's response, and set out various guidance from central ministers regarding local government restructuring.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Chief Executive.

Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Chief Executive on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

15. CHARNWOOD SITES SAFETY AND SECURITY

A report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces was considered to seek agreement for capital funding to improve safety and secured access at open spaces owned by the Borough Council. (item 06B on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Lead Member for Performance of Major Contract and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces attended the meeting to assist with consideration of the item and gave the following responses to issues raised:

- (i) The procurement process had been completed so there was already a contractor in place ready to carry out the work required.
- (ii) There was a small budget available to deal with minor repairs but not enough to cover the amount of work required for all the open space locations. The work was deemed necessary given the recent problems with some areas which is why additional funding was being requested.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces.

Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Performance of Major Contracts and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

16. OVERVIEW SCRUTINY GROUP PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE

A report of the Cabinet was considered setting out its responses to the recommendations of the Group on pre-decision scrutiny items (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

RESOLVED that the Cabinet's responses to the Group's recommendations be noted.

Reason

The Group was satisfied that it added value where appropriate and welcomed the Cabinet's consideration of the Group's views and recommendations as part of its decision making process.

17. WORK PROGRAMME

A report of the Head of Strategic Support was considered, to enable the Group to consider its work programme and forthcoming Key Decisions and decisions to be taken in private by the Cabinet in order to schedule items for pre-decision scrutiny and to provide an opportunity for members of the Group to raise suggestions on issues for scrutiny (in addition to pre-decision scrutiny) which fell within the Group's remit, for scheduling by Scrutiny Management Board (item 8 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Group considered the report (and further information on the forthcoming Key Decisions and decisions to be taken in private by the Cabinet provided by the Chief Executive at this meeting) but decided not to add any items to their work programme at present.

RESOLVED that the Group's current work programme be noted and updated following this meeting, in accordance with the decisions taken during consideration of this item and at this meeting and any items of pre-decision scrutiny that require changing due to their reprogramming by the Cabinet.

Reason

To ensure effective and timely scrutiny, either to provide Cabinet with advice prior to it taking a decision or to ensure that the Council and external public service providers and partners were operating effectively for the benefit of the Borough.

NOTES:

1. No reference may be made to these minutes at the Council meeting on 3rd September 2018 unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on the fifth working day following

publication of these minutes.

2. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Overview Scrutiny Group.