

A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON 4 MARCH 2015

Councillors Allen (P), Beavis (P), Mrs Cully (P), Farr, Forder (Chairman) (P), Mrs Forder(P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes(P), Hazel (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hylands (P), Scard (P)

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6, Councillor Mrs Batty had been nominated to replace Councillor Farr for this meeting.

28. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Farr.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

30. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2014

The Committee reflected on the work of the Bus Services Working Group and expressed disappointment at recent criticism in the local press. The Committee acknowledged that the reintroduction of the number 11 service on a Saturday had been positive and also acknowledged that the provision of Bus Services were not a function of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 4 December 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman a true and correct record.

31. REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

31i. CHAIRMAN'S END OF YEAR REPORT

Consideration was given to the Draft Annual Report of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Draft Annual Report on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2014/15 be received and be presented to the Council meeting on 25th March 2015.

31ii. INTERPRETATION BOARDS

The Committee were advised that progress had been delayed awaiting the appointment of a new officer. It was likely that this appointment would not be in place for a few months. Initial dates had been proposed for the meeting, these would be confirmed with the Working Group Members.

31iii. PUBLIC ACCESS TO FORT BROCKHURST

The Committee were advised that English Heritage had been written to with regard to access to the Fort and the reply had been positive. A meeting of the group had been arranged for the 23 March, accompanied by a tour of the Fort.

31iv VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE BOROUGH

The Committee had examined the provision of Post 16 vocational education in the Borough with a visit to CEMAST recognising it as a valuable asset. The Committee were advised that Phillip Walker would be addressing an extraordinary meeting of the Committee on 17th March 2015 to discuss other provision in the Borough.

The Committee discussed whether the invitation should be extended to all Members of the Council. It was felt an invitation should be extended to observe, but that questioning should be reserved for Members of the Committee.

32. DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME

A) REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY

None had been received.

B) WORK PROGRAMME

There was nothing to update.

C) OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY

None had been received.

33. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Member advised that the QR codes located at Ann's Hill Cemetery were not working.

The Committee were advised that this had been reported and was being resolved.

The meeting concluded at 6.22pm

CHAIRMAN