

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes

5 April 2022

Present:

Chair: Councillor Sachin Shah

Councillors: Dan Anderson
Jeff Anderson
Sarah Butterworth
Stephen Greek
Jean Lammiman
Janet Mote
Kanti Rabadia
Chloe Smith

Apologies received: Councillor Ajay Maru

204. Attendance by Reserve Members

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Members:

Ordinary Member

Reserve Member

Councillor Ajay Maru

Councillor Chloe Smith

205. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note the declarations, if any, as published on the Council's website prior to the meeting.

206. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

207. Public Questions

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions had been received.

208. Petitions

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions had been received.

209. References from Council/Cabinet

RESOLVED: To note that no references had been received.

Resolved Items

210. Scrutiny Annual Report 2022

The Committee was presented the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021-2022, as developed by the Scrutiny Leadership Group which comprised of the chairs and vice-chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub-committees, and the Scrutiny Lead members.

The Chair asked the committee for their comments on the report, which were as follows:

- A Member of the Committee thanked the Chair for steering the Committee over the past 4 years and noted that the Committee could be proud of the work that had been conducted by the Committee, particularly during the pandemic and the circumstance this presented. They noted that the level of scrutiny had been very good and believed that good work had been done for the people of Harrow.
- A Member of the Committee commended the good work that had been done and raised that they hoped that scrutiny over the business elements of the Harrow Strategic Development Partnership would continue to be a priority of the Committee.
- A Member of the Committee highlighted how effective scrutiny had been and thanked the Members for their proactive approach. Thanks was given to Officers that the report included the remembrance of Members who had recently sadly passed away. Thanks was also given to Officers who produced the report.
- A Member of the Committee gave thanks to the Chair and Vice Chair for how they managed the Committee and how it demonstrated effective cross-party work. Thanks was also given to officer involved with the Committee.
- Other Members of the Committee also gave their thanks to all those involved with the Committee and the work that had been achieved.

- A Moment had been taken to give thanks to those Members involved in scrutiny who had sadly passed away over the past year and thanked them for all their contributions.
- The Chair noted that a workplan would be agreed by the new Committee, but recommendations for areas of future scrutiny had been made.

RESOLVED: That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-2022 be noted and that the report be submitted to Full Council for endorsement.

211. Any Other Business

The Chair gave particular thanks to Cllr Jeff Anderson who chaired the Committee and Cllr Richard Almond as Vice-Chair for the first two years. Thanks was also given to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the scrutiny Sub-Committees as well as Members involved in the Scrutiny Leadership Group. Finally, Officers were also thanked for their work and contribution to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, all of which was echoed by the Vice-Chair who gave thanks to Members and to officers for their hard work and efforts.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 6.56 pm).

(Signed) Councillor Sachin Shah
Chair