

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes

18 April 2023

Present:

Chair: Councillor Amir Moshenson

Councillors: Dan Anderson
June Baxter
Govind Bharadia

Eden Kulig
Samir Sumaria
Sasi Suresh

Apologies received: Councillor Dean Gilligan
Councillor Phillip O'Dell

Absent: Harrow Youth Parliament
Representative
Councillor Vipin Mithani

Reverend P Reece
Ms M Trivedi

29. Attendance by Reserve Members

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

Ordinary Member

Councillor Phillip O'Dell

Reserve Member

Councillor Sasi Suresh

30. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of interest made by Members.

31. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 10 January 2023 and 9 February 2023 be taken as read and signed as correct records subject to noting that Councillor Dan Anderson had submitted his apologies for the meeting held on 9 February and that Councillor Sasi Suresh had been the Reserve Member.

32. Public Questions

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

33. Petitions

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions had been received.

34. References from Council/Cabinet

RESOLVED: To note that no references had been received.

Recommended Item

35. Scrutiny Annual Report

Members received the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23 which had been developed by the Scrutiny Leadership Group and outlined the activities of the Committee and scrutiny sub-committees and scrutiny lead Members during the 2022-23 municipal year.

A Member stated that it had been an interesting year given the changes in Administration, senior leadership, offices and membership of the Committee. He expressed concern at the late receipt of a number of reports and suggested that this should perhaps have been reflected in the Annual Report. Another Member added that the Committee had received both the budget report and Corporate Plan late which had limited the amount of time Members had to scrutinise them. The Chair responded that the minutes of the 9 February meeting reflected this concern which had also been expressed by the Vice-Chair at the time.

The Committee noted that the attendance record set out in the appendix to the Annual Report required correction in that Councillor Dan Anderson and Councillor Eden Kulig had submitted their apologies for the meeting held on 9 February 2023 and Councillor Sasi Suresh had attended as Councillor Anderson's reserve.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-2023 be endorsed.

RESOLVED: That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-2023 be agreed.

36. Vote of Thanks

The Chair expressed his appreciation and thanks to Members for their work and contributions. He also thanked officers for their support.

A Member endorsed the sentiments expressed by the Chair and thanked him for all his work.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 6.41 pm).

(Signed) Councillor Amir Moshenson
Chair