

AGENDA SCRUTINY BOARD

Date: Wednesday, 23 January 2013

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members: Councillor D C S Swanbrow (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs K Mandry (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Miss S M Bell

J V Bryant

Mrs M E Ellerton

J S Forrest

N R Gregory

Miss T G Harper

P W Whittle, JP

Deputies: Mrs S M Bayford

M J Ford, JP T J Howard T G Knight

Mrs S Pankhurst R H Price, JP Mrs K K Trott D M Whittingham

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1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 22 November 2012.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Notice of Motion - Safeguarding Policy

To give consideration to the following motion, which was submitted to Council on 13 December 2012 by Councillor N Gregory and subsequently considered by the Executive on 7 January 2013. The Executive agreed to refer the motion to the Scrutiny Board, inviting its comments on the proposed new safeguarding policy before the policy was considered by the Executive:-

"I would like to request support from all Councillors to implement a review of this Local authorities current Safeguarding Policy.

After speaking to this Borough's CPO, I feel that our current Policy does not go far enough in safeguarding all the vulnerable sectors of our communities. I fully understand that the current Policy meets all current Government guidelines; however it is mostly based around Children and young adults.

I request that this Local Authority's Safeguard Policy covers all the vulnerable population of this Borough, i.e. our children, young Adults, elderly, disable and those who suffer with Mental or Health problems.

This will give assurances to all residents, especially those from the most vulnerable sectors of our commitment for safeguarding them.

This review, I feel, will not just safeguard the most vulnerable sectors of our Borough but also the members of this Authority in carrying out their duties".

The Board is requested to note that in accordance withstanding Order 47, Councillor Gregory is entitled to attend the meeting of the Scrutiny Board and the Executive to address members on the motion

7. Preliminary Overall Review of the Work Programme for 2012/13 and Draft Programme for 2013/14 (Pages 5 - 44)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which invites members to review the Board's work programme for 2012/13 and consider a draft programme for 2013/14.

8. Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2013/14 (Pages 45 - 150)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources concerning the Executive's proposals for the overall capital programme and revenue budget for 2013/14.

9. Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2013/14 (Pages 151 - 168)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which requests the Board to consider and review the Executive's proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans for 2013/14.

10. Executive Business

If requested by a member, to consider any item of business dealt with by the Executive, since the last meeting of the Board. The relevant Executive meetings are 3 December 2012 and 7 January 2013. (This will also include any decisions taken by individual Executive members during the same time period).

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