

**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 6 July 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lane (Chair); Councillor Sargeant (Deputy Chair); Councillors Ashraf, Eales, Eales, Hill, Larratt, Meredith, Oldham, Patel, Shaw, Smith and Walker

**APOLOGIES:**

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2015 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

**2. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

There were none. The Chair confirmed that he had received an email from Tom Appleyard with some suggestions on Keep Northampton Tidy and Councillor Allowances to be based on attendance. He confirmed that he would respond to Mr Appleyard regarding his suggestions and that the suggestion he made for inclusion in the Work Programme will be deferred until next year.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING)**

There were none.

**4. WORK PROGRAMME 2015/2016**

The Chair confirmed that as a result of the Work Programme three topics had been identified. The Committee were asked to prioritise these and also indicate whether they wished to serve on the Panels. The Chair advised the Committee that other non Executive Members would then be asked if they wished to serve on any of the Panels.

**AGREED :-**

That the priority of suggested reviews be as follows

**Scrutiny Panel 1 Health Check of Local Economy**

Membership of the Panel would comprise:

**Chair** Councillor Rufia Ashraf  
**Deputy Chair** Councillor Samuel Shaw  
**Members** Councillor Terrie Eales

**Scrutiny Panel 2 – Environmental Crime**

Membership of the Panel would comprise:

**Chair** Councillor Dennis Meredith  
**Deputy Chair** Councillor Phil Larratt  
**Members** Councillors Zoe Smith, Rufia Ashraf, and Brian Oldham

**Scrutiny Panel 3 Licensing Policy**

Membership of the Panel would comprise:

**Chair** Councillor Gareth Eales  
**Deputy Chair** Councillor Graham Walker  
**Members** Cllrs Brian Sargeant and Suresh Patel

Further membership to be confirmed.

The recommendations were as follows:-

- 4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its Work Programme for 2015/2016 from the issues suggested by the recent Work Programming event.
- 4.2 That membership of the three Scrutiny Panels is set and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints the Chairs of the three Scrutiny Panels.
- 4.3 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee invites other non-Executives, who are not a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to join the membership of the Scrutiny Panels.
- 4.4 That the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee communicates details of the Work Programme 2015/2016 with all Councillors, and Directors.
- 4.5 That the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2015/2016 is published on the Overview and Scrutiny page of the Council's webpage.

## **5. REPORTING AND MONITORING WORKING GROUP**

The Chair confirmed that the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group would be meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Membership was agreed as follows-

**Chair** Councillor Jamie Lane  
**Deputy Chair** Councillor Brian Sargeant  
**Members** Councillors Dennis Meredith, Samuel Shaw, James Hill and Terrie Eales

## **6. NBC'S REPRESENTATIVE TO NCC'S HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Chair advised that this Committee met during the day and it was agreed as follows:-

**Representative** Councillor Brian Sargeant  
**Deputy** Councillor Rufia Ashraf

It was confirmed that the next meeting was on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

## **7. POTENTIAL FUTURE PRE DECISION SCRUTINY**

The Chair advised that at the Programme Event it was decided that the following topics would be investigated:-

1. Code of Practise for Betting Shops
2. Sheltered Housing

In addition Councillor Larratt suggested two further issues:

3. NBC Street Lighting
4. Flooding – 1:200 floor risk

He confirmed that a report would be presented to the Committee on these topics and then further investigated if required.

## **8. URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.