

OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

Monday, 23 November 2015

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.20 pm

Present: Councillors Ricci (Chair), I Miah (Deputy Chair), Bailey, Fairfoull, J Fitzpatrick and Welsh

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Kitchen, Peet, K Quinn and Taylor

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 21 September 2015 were signed as a correct record.

20. SCRUTINY REPORTS

a) Mental Health Pathways

Consideration was given to the outcome of the review of Mental Health Pathways, which explored how the Council and health partners were working to develop an integrated approach towards care planning and to improve the equality of access to mental health services in the borough.

The Executive response of the Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Wellbeing and the report of the Statutory and External Partners Scrutiny Panel were appended to the report.

RESOLVED

That the report and executive response be noted.

b) Impact of Alcohol

Consideration was given to the outcome of the review of the Impact of Alcohol, which explored how the Council and health partners could reduce the impact of alcohol by improving the effectiveness and awareness of services to promote health and wellbeing across the borough.

The Executive response of the Executive Member, Health and Neighbourhoods and the report of the Statutory and External Partners Scrutiny Panel were appended to the report.

RESOLVED

That the report and executive response be noted.

c) Housing Strategy-Empty Homes

Consideration was given to the outcome of the review of Housing Strategy-Empty Homes, which examined the impact of the Council's approach to empty homes in the borough including the effectiveness of initiatives which bring empty homes back into use.

The Executive response of the Executive Member, Learning, Skills and Economic Growth and the report of the Place Scrutiny Panel were appended to the report.

RESOLVED

That the report and executive response be noted.

d) Grounds Maintenance

Consideration was given to the outcome of the review of Grounds Maintenance, which explored the effectiveness of a sustainable approach to grounds maintenance and the impact that an increase in volunteers and community groups has had on the borough.

The Executive response of the Executive Member, Transport and Land Use and the report of the Place Scrutiny Panel were appended to the report.

RESOLVED

That the report and executive response be noted.

21. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

CHAIR