

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR SERVICES
19 MARCH 2007**

Present: Councillors Fawthrop, Silverson (as the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Soan), Smith, Springthorpe and Webb (in the Chair)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lambrechts and Soan.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following councillors declared an interest in the minutes as indicated:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Fawthrop	36	Personal - Board Member of Citizens Advice Bureau and Hastings Trust
Lock	Any	Personal - Anything in relation to East Sussex County Council
Smith	36	Prejudicial - Trustee of Hastings Area Community Trust and linked with HVA
Webb	Any	Personal - Anything in relation to East Sussex County Council
Wilson	Any	Personal - Anything in relation to East Sussex County Council

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2007 be approved as a true record.

33. QUARTER THREE PERFORMANCE

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Chantal Lass, Policy and Performance Officer presented a report on performance up to the end of Quarter Three.

Members raised questions concerning the Warden Service, CCTV arrangements and temporary accommodation.

Members also discussed the Evening Economy project and formally expressed their thanks to staff involved. The project had won a regional award from the National Association of Town Centre Management.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. staff in the Leisure and Culture, Housing, Communities and Neighbourhoods, Environment and Safety and Regeneration and Planning Directorates be thanked for their hard work; and**
- 2. the report be noted.**

**34. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) - QUARTER 2 & 3
PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Richard Peters, Executive Director Housing, Communities and Neighbourhoods presented a report on the second and third quarter performance of the LAA and gave members a progress report in respect of Outcome 23 (Mini-LAA for Hastings).

Members considered the accountability of the Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership for the LAA targets and said it would be useful for key partners to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. the second and third quarter performance in respect of the LAA be noted;**
- 2. the achievements and performance against Outcome 23 be noted, along with the action being taken to address areas of concern; and**
- 3. officers be thanked for their continuing work.**

35. ALLOTMENTS POLICY - STATUTORY STATUS FINAL REPORT

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Councillor Fawthrop presented the final report from the Policy Review Team on the statutory status of allotments in the town.

The 2006/2007 Annual Meeting of Overview and Scrutiny agreed to incorporate a project on the status of allotments in the town.

The team consisted of Councillors Fawthrop, Soan and Webb. They reviewed four Council managed allotments in the town currently with non-statutory status and considered if any of these sites should be awarded statutory status, based on their usage, location and development potential.

RESOLVED that Cabinet be recommended that Bos Field Allotment site be given Statutory Status.

36. VOLUNTARY SECTOR ACCOMMODATION SCRUTINY REVIEW - FINAL REPORT

Councillor Fawthrop presented the final report from the Policy Review Team on Voluntary Sector Accommodation.

The 2006/2007 Annual Meeting of Overview and Scrutiny agreed to incorporate a review of Voluntary Sector Accommodation in its work programme.

The team consisted of Councillors Fawthrop, Lambrechts (part), Vallery (part) and Webb (part). The team looked at accommodation of voluntary sector organisations housed within the town centre and discussed if these organisations could be brought together in one 'Community Base'.

Councillor Smith, having declared a prejudicial interest in this item left the Chamber while the matter was discussed.

RESOLVED (by 3 votes for and 2 votes against with the Chair using his casting vote) that Cabinet progress the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review Team in paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 of the report.

Councillors Silverson and Webb asked that their votes for the recommendation be recorded.

37. UPDATE ON POLICY DEVELOPMENT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH PLANNING POLICY

Councillor Webb gave a verbal update on the policy development project on Affordable Housing and its relationship with Planning Policy.

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Members had met in February and discussed the results relating to housing development from the consultation exercise on the Local Development Framework. The team had looked at draft recommendations resulting from this and asked the Housing Services Manager and Borough Planning Officer to write a draft report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

38. MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINET DECISIONS

Katrina Strong, Scrutiny Officer, presented a report on the recent Cabinet Decisions made since the last formal meeting, highlighting areas that fell within the committee's remit.

RESOLVED that the report noted.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm)