

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR SERVICES
21 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillors Bird, Forward and Webb (in the Chair)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bing, Fawthrop and Wilson.

Lead Members in attendance: Councillors Cooke, Finch, Lock and Tucker

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following councillor declared an interest in the minutes as follows:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Lock	8	Personal – East Sussex County Council Lead Member for Transport

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meetings held on 10 and 22 June 2009 be approved as a true record.

8. QUARTER ONE PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

Angus Singleton, Policy and Performance Co-ordinator, presented the Quarter One Performance report.

The report advised members of the performance against the 2009/10 targets in Part II and Part III of the Corporate Plan, together with related budget issues within the Environmental Services, Regeneration and Planning and Community Wellbeing Directorates.

The format of the report had been slightly changed, in that each target had highlighted the risk level and risk action/description. Angus Singleton explained that this was a new feature and all comments would be welcomed.

Members discussed Area Based Grants, planning applications and project management.

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Particular reference was made to the Baldslow Link and the Hastings Link Road. Councillor Lock suggested that, if the committee were minded to, they could write to Lord Adonis with regard to the Baldslow Link, expressing support for the scheme. Similarly, the committee could also send their comments through to Planning Inspectors dealing with the public inquiry into the Hastings Link Road. Members agreed that this course of action should be taken.

The committee also asked for a progress update regarding work that was currently being undertaken with partner organisations to mitigate the impact of the economic recession. Members were keen to ensure that any training under the Future Jobs Fund would be of a sound foundation, from which young people and long-term unemployed could develop in the future. Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director for Regeneration and Planning confirmed that he would feed back to the committee once the scheme had begun.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. staff in the Environmental Services, Regeneration and Planning and Community Wellbeing Directorates be thanked for their hard work; and**
- 2. the committee noted that action is being taken to improve any shortfalls in performance and/or to address risks highlighted**

9. UPDATE ON SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AT RISK OF FLOODING AS A RESULT OF INCREASED USAGE DUE TO DEVELOPMENT

Graham Belchamber, Scrutiny and Democratic Services Manager gave an update to the committee on the progress of this scrutiny review, as Councillor Wilson, who was the Chair of the review, had given his apologies. The review team had met once and agreed the Project Initiation Document and timetable of the review. The next meeting was scheduled for October, where the review team would be conducting an interview with Southern Water.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

10. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINET DECISIONS

Katrina Silverson, Scrutiny and Electoral Services Officer, presented a report on the recent Cabinet Decisions made since the last formal meeting, highlighting areas that fell within the Committee's remit.

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RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm)