

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR SERVICES  
3 DECEMBER 2009**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Soan.

Lead Members in attendance: There were no lead members in attendance.

Councillor Webb told the meeting that Councillor Bing had tendered his resignation and thanked him for his hard work on scrutiny over the years.

Councillor Webb suggested that the proposed changes with regard to questions to officers in advance of the meeting be made in the New Year.

**11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**12. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2009 be approved as a true record.

**13. QUARTER TWO PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT**

Mark Horan, Policy & Partnerships Officer, presented the Quarter Two 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 Public Realm and Leisure Directorate.

Members discussed dog fouling, the emergency plan, waste, playgrounds, new skate park, Hastings Castle (Councillor Webb asked for a discussion at the next Scrutiny meeting to discuss a bid for funds to improve public accessibility to the Castle. This was agreed. Members also discussed the ABG Retail Vitality project, the Community Partnership Fund (Cllr Webb thanked everyone involved in the ice rink project), housing targets, Pelham Crescent and fly tipping.

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**RESOLVED that:**

1. **staff in the Regeneration Homes and Communities and Public Realm and Leisure Directorates be thanked for their hard work; and**
2. **that the Committee be assured that action is being taken to improve any shortfalls in performance and/or to address risks highlighted.**

**14. 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 opportunity had been taken to consult with all known residents' groups in the Borough and a modest response has been received.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**10. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINET DECISIONS**

Graham Belchamber, Scrutiny and democratic Services Manager, 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 be noted.**

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm)