

Runnymede Borough CouncilOVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE4 October 2018 at 8.41.p.m.

Members of the Committee present : Councillors M J Maddox (Chairman), P J Taylor (Vice-Chairman)  
S L Dennett, Mrs E Gill, T J F E Gracey, N M King and P S Sohi

Member of the Committee absent: Councillors Mrs Y P Lay and S M Mackay

275 FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Chairman read out the Fire Precautions.

276 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Group mentioned below had notified the Chief Executive of their wish that the change listed below be made to the membership of the Committee. The change was for a fixed period ending on the day after the meeting and thereafter the Councillor removed would be reappointed.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Remove from Membership</b>	<b>Appoint Instead</b>
Runnymede Independents Residents' Group	Councillor Mrs L M Gillham	Councillor Mrs E Gill

The Chief Executive had given effect to this request in accordance with Section 16(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

277 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 July 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

278 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING SERVICE

The Planning Advisory Service (PAS) had carried out a Peer Challenge Review between 12 – 14 September 2018. Members were provided with a brief update of its outcome prior to receipt of the PAS report.

Members were pleased to note that the summary of PAS findings were positive. The headlines of their findings were as follows:

- That there were lots of really interesting things happening – bringing opportunities in for the Borough
- That the Council had a good professional planning service performing strongly against measures
- That the Council had positively progressed its Emerging Local Plan under challenging circumstances
- That the national Housing Delivery Challenge was recognised by the Council and there were some core skills to build on

- That there were opportunities for more collaborative community engagement and also a significant opportunity to further develop partnership working moving forward, and
- There were opportunities for Officers and Councillors to work more closely together moving forward

Members agreed that the exercise had been of value and looked forward to receiving more details from the PAS report in due course.

Members were particularly pleased to note that the good work of planning Officers had been recognised.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 9.01.p.m.)