

Runnymede Borough Council

Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee

Thursday, 6 July 2023 at 8.25 pm

Members of the Committee present: Councillors N Prescott (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), T Burton, T Gates, L Gillham, E Kettle, A King, S Lewis and J Wilson (In place of A Balkan).

Members of the Committee absent: Councillors J Furey (Chairman).

1 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 2 February 2023 and 12 April 2023 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Furey.

3 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4 Overview and Scrutiny Function – Annual Report – 2022/23

The Committee was provided with an overview of the topics covered over the past twelve months, which included treasury management and a call-in relating to the process of the appointment of a new chief executive.

The Committee was disappointed with the sparsity of the items covered, and made clear an intention to fully utilise meetings to build on good performance in addition to establishing lessons learned.

The Vice-Chair in the chair suggested scheduling additional meetings if required, and the Committee came up with proposals for a work plan for the coming year, which included:

- Integrated care partnership.
- Open spaces and grass cutting, which should include an invitation to Surrey County Council to attend.
- Statistics from the reporting side of the website to understand the most common matters reported by residents. This should include proactive communication to encourage residents to report the things that matter to them most.
- The role of the Runnymede SAG in approving community events to ensure an appropriate balance between the introduction of Martyn's Law and not imposing unnecessary barriers that would discourage community groups from hosting events.

The Committee agreed to recommend the annual report to Full Council, but asked for an update on the breach of counterparty limits reported in September 2022. It was also asked that Members be provided with a copy of the Committee's terms of reference as set out in the Council's constitution.

Resolved that –

The Committee recommended the annual report to Council in July 2023.

(The meeting ended at 8.49 pm.)

Chairman