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Community Leadership Overview and
Scrutiny Committee

3 December 2018

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE,
HELD ON MONDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2018 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Present:	Councillors V Guglielmi (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Bush, Griffiths, Coley, I Henderson, Raby, Skeels Jnr, White and Alexander
Also Present:	Councillors Stock OBE and McWilliams, Ewan Green (Corporate Director, Planning and Regeneration Services), Karen Neath (Head of Leadership Support and Community), Charlotte Cooper (Leadership Support Officer)
In Attendance:	

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Land (with Councillor Alexander as a substitute) Chittock (with no substitute) Newton (with no substitute) and Yallop (with Councillor White as a substitute).

22. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee, held on 1 October 2018, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to Agenda Item 5, Councillor Neil Stock OBE, declared that he is a Director of North Essex Garden Communities Ltd.

24. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 37

There were no questions submitted on this occasion.

25. SCRUTINY OF PROPOSED DECISIONS ON THE INTERIM BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES FOR NORTH ESSEX GARDEN COMMUNITIES LIMITED

Councillor Stock OBE had earlier declared a Personal Interest in this item insofar as he is a Director of North Essex Garden Communities Ltd.

The relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Neil Stock OBE) and Officer (Ewan Green, Corporate Director, Planning and Regeneration Services) attended the Meeting to present to the Committee the Business Plan for North Essex Garden Communities Ltd, in order to enable the Committee to scrutinise this forthcoming decision.

The Committee deliberated and raised questions and concerns for Ewan Green and Councillor Stock to answer. Those concerns mainly revolved around the funding of the

project and the ongoing ability for members to scrutinise the business plan and associated documents of North Essex Garden Communities

It was **RESOLVED** that the Corporate Director (Planning and Regeneration) would circulate information to the Committee with further detail of activities which the overall programme funding to date of £4m has been spent on or allocated to. This will now be a regular item on the Committee's Agenda going forward.

26. DRUG AND ALCOHOL SUPPORT IN TENDRING

Matthew Gauden, Centre Manager for Open Road, and Claire Beacham, Senior Project Manager for Phoenix Alcohol Project, attended the meeting to provide Members with an update on the drug and alcohol support in Tendring.

Members deliberated and raised questions for Matthew Gauden and Claire Beacham to answer.

It was **RESOLVED** that Matthew Gauden be requested to send to the Head of Leadership Support and Community (Karen Neath) to circulate to the Committee, a list of mutual aid organisations who work alongside Phoenix Alcohol Project and Open Road. As well as more details on the welfare support staff at Colchester Borough Council who work within HMOs.

27. IMPACT OF HOUSING ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Following the sad death of David Black, the Council's Housing Manager, the Chairman informed Members that this item would be deferred until a future meeting of the Committee.

A minutes silence was held in respect for David Black.

28. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE - A.1 -PERFORMANCE REPORT JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018 (QUARTER 2)

The Committee had before it a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (A.1) which presented the performance report 2018/19 (Community Leadership) for the period July – September 2018 (Quarter 2), with the recommendation for the Committee to determine whether it had any comments or recommendations to put forward to Cabinet.

The Committee was made aware that the Performance Report set out the detailed actions and targets for the delivery of the Council's priorities for the coming year that related to the Council's partnership and influencing work. The report included both the Corporate Plan and Priorities and Projects 2018/19. The indicators and projects highlighted in the report were deemed to be 'non-measurable' as Tendring's role was that of 'influence only'.

The Committee was also aware that this report had been presented to the Cabinet on 9 November 2018. Any feedback from the Committee would be presented to a future meeting of the Cabinet as a separate reference report.

The Committee deliberated and raised its concerns over the loss of Libraries and the negative impact this could have on education for pre-school / Primary School children.

It was **RESOLVED** that the relevant officer from Essex County Council, as well as other Tendring District Council members with an interest on the matter, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to scrutinise Essex County Council's consultation on the future of libraries.

29. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee discussed their experience of the new Overview and Scrutiny arrangements since their implementation in May 2018. The Committee was made aware that any comments and/or recommendations would be submitted to the Finance and Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder's Constitution Review Working Party who would be conducting a review of the new Committee Structure also introduced in May 2018.

The Committee agreed that the new structure of the meetings was beneficial and provided a good opportunity for in-depth discussion on the topics covered. However, the Committee also agreed that they were concerned they were not meeting often enough to be efficient in taking forward the issues they discussed and therefore suggested there should be a meeting of the Committee every two months.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Head of Leadership Support and Community report these concerns to the Head of Governance and Legal Services for her to feed into the Constitution Review Working Party.

30. SCRUTINY OF PROPOSED DECISIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13, the Committee had before it the Scrutiny of proposed decisions.

Two decisions were put before the Committee: the Dovercourt Town Centre Regeneration and the SME Growth Fund.

No matters were raised by the Committee.

31. CONSIDERATION OF TERMS FOR MARCH MEETING

The Committee were asked to consider items they wish to scrutinise at the next meeting of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Head of Leadership Support and Community consults with the Chairman of the Committee regarding a further meeting before March, at which the following items will be included;

- Consultation on Libraries
- Motion from Council on a Community Governance Review for Claton
- Motion from Council on Free Swimming Lessons for Children – to invite the Director of Education from Essex County Council

The meeting was declared closed at 21:15

Chairman