

## **Report to Council**

**Date of meeting: 31 July 2018**

**Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Report to Council**

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### **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report from April 2018 to the present be noted.**

### **Report:**

#### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 17 April 2018**

1. At our meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, we welcomed Alan Whitehead from the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust. He was there to answer questions on the recent CQC report and the judgement that the quality of the service provided by the Trust needed improvement. Members had submitted some advanced questions that were sent to him beforehand to enable him to prepare answers for the meeting. He provided answers to each of the 13 questions he had received and then went on to answer our supplementary questions.

2. We then went on to consider what we would like to discuss with County Councillor Gooding who was due to attend our next meeting. We came up with some points that we would want covered and subsequently wrote to him giving him advance notice of the questions we wished to raise.

3. We then reviewed the report from the Youth Council requesting our agreement of £8,000 for their current projects including £3,000 for their 'MiLife' project. We agreed this and also agreed that they should make an annual presentation to our Committee.

4. We then considered various reports on the Transformation Programme updating us on their progress so far.

5. The Committee also considered a request to merge the Governance and Resources Select Committees in the new municipal year. However we decided to defer any decision on the possible merging of the select committees to a future date.

#### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 4 June 2018**

6. At our meeting on 4 June we were expecting to have County Councillor Gooding to speak on passenger transport issues. However he pulled out just a few days before the meeting but sent in written answers to the questions we had sent him earlier. We resolved to resubmit our invitation to Councillor Gooding for him to attend a future meeting so that we could ask some supplementary questions.

7. We then received a presentation on the West Essex and Eastern Hertfordshire Digital Innovation Zone highlighting the background, ambitions and work streams of the Digital Innovation Zone. We also received an update on the Superfast Essex broadband rollout programme.

8. We then went on to confirm the terms of reference and work programmes of the Select Committees for this new year and to appoint members, chairmen and vice-chairmen to the four Select Committees. We also agreed to start a review in the autumn of the current Select Committee framework to reflect the new senior management structure.

9. We approved our annual report for 2017/18 and this is in your agenda for tonight's Council meeting for information. We then went through the outturn report for the corporate plan key action plan for 2017/18 and reviewed the project closures and project dossiers for the Transformation Programme.

10. Looking at our own work programme we decided we would like to invite Epping Forest College, County Highways, County Mental Health Services, Citizens Advice Epping Forest District and officers from Stansted Airport to future meetings.