

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER
2018, AT 9.20 PM

PRESENT: Councillor M Pope (Chairman)
Councillors A Alder, P Ballam, K Crofton,
D Oldridge, T Page, L Radford, S Reed,
P Ruffles, T Stowe and J Wyllie

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Blackburn	- Democratic Services Officer
Mike Edley	- Interim Scrutiny Officer

280 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman drew Members' attention to a number of housekeeping issues.

281 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Boylan and S Cousins.

282 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor J Wyllie and seconded by Councillor T Stowe that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

283 WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman of Performance, Audit and Governance Scrutiny submitted a report setting out the Committee's future work programme. The Interim Scrutiny Officer provided an update on the work programme and reminded Members that he had circulated an update on the Council's Treasury Management Strategy in advance of a report to Members on 22 January 2019.

The Committee Chairman referred to the issue of Housing Associations and their performance. Members supported a suggestion to scrutinise their performance. Councillor T Stowe commented that his approach to a Director's office usually elicited a positive response within 14 days. Councillor P Ruffles felt that it was important to keep Housing Associations under review and suggested that Network Homes be included within any review. This was supported. It was also suggested that the Executive Member for Housing be involved in the process.

The Interim Scrutiny Officer advised Members that a substantial amount of information would need to be

gathered from a number of sources and explained that this information could be reviewed on the basis of a Task and Finish Group and then reported back to Members. This approach was supported.

It was moved by Councillor K Crofton and seconded by Councillor J Wyllie that the draft work programme, as amended, be supported. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that the draft Work Programme, as now amended, for Performance, Audit and Governance Scrutiny Committee, be approved.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chairman
Date