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MEETING : OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
VENUE : THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
DATE : TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2020
TIME : 7.00 PM

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor J Wyllie (Chairman)
Councillors S Bell, M Brady, R Buckmaster, A Curtis, I Devonshire,
H Drake, J Frecknall, M Goldspink (Vice-Chairman), D Hollebon, J Kaye,
D Snowdon, M Stevenson and N Symonds

Substitutes

Conservative Group:	Councillors D Andrews, I Kemp and A Ward-Booth
Green	Councillor B Crystall
Labour	Councillor C Redfern

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 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
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 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
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AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes - 16 June 2020 (Pages 7 - 36)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2020.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' Declarations of Interest.

5. Enhancing the Council's working arrangements with Registered Providers - Report of the Social Housing Task and Finish Group (Pages 37 - 76)

6. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22 (Pages 77 - 98)

7. Policy for Enforcing Standards for Private Sector Landlords (Pages 99 - 136)

8. Environmental Climate Change Forum Update

9. Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Draft Work Programme (Pages 137 - 152)

10. Urgent Items

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.