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MEETING : OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
VENUE : ONLINE MEETING - LIVESTREAMED
DATE : TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021
TIME : 7.00 PM

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor John 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 Group: Councillor C Redfern

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 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011;
 - 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;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
3. The Authority may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI.
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- participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
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AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes - 2 February 2021 (Pages 7 - 26)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2021.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' Declarations of Interest.

5. Portfolio Update from Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability

6. Adoption of the East Herts Council Access to Information Policy (Pages 27 - 54)

7. Annual Scrutiny Report 2019/20 (Pages 55 - 78)

8. Annual Scrutiny Report 2020/21 (Pages 79 - 94)

9. Review of Scrutiny - Report by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (Pages 95 - 116)

10. Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Draft Work Programme (Pages 117 - 136)

11. 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.