

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 8 OCTOBER 2019

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - UPDATE

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report details the reports considered and comments made by the Committee at its meeting of 24 September 2019.

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	
(A)	That the Executive note the contents of the report.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Performance, Audit and Governance Oversight ('PAGO') Committee (the "Committee") last met on 24 September 2019.

1.2 Items considered by the Committee included:

- **Annual Leisure Contract Performance Report for 2018**

The Committee reviewed the comprehensive report from officers. The Committee welcomed the steps that were being taken by the Council to make its facilities more energy efficient. Officers confirmed that investment would continue to be made, where needed, in the two joint use facilities (Leventhorpe and Fanshawe). It was noted that the attendance targets across the

Council's facilities had been set back in 2009, at the beginning of the current leisure contract. It was agreed that these would be reviewed and updated where required.

- **Standards Sub Committee**

The Committee agreed to the establishment of an assessment Standards Sub Committee comprising three Members to consider matters relating to a Code of Conduct complaint.

- **Section 106 Agreements**

The Committee reviewed an updated report regarding Section 106 Agreements. The amount and quality of the work that had been undertaken in this area was recognised by the Committee. It was agreed that an updated report would be reviewed by the Committee in a year's time. It was further agreed that the Chairman and officers would agree how the Committee would be advised of proposed Section 106 arrangements being put in place for the larger developments that would be coming on stream across the District in the coming years. It was also agreed that engagement (by both Members and officers) with stakeholders across the District was key to ensure that the funds generated were spent/allocated appropriately.

- **Shared Internal Audit and Anti-Fraud Services**

The Committee received reports from both shared services. The Committee noted the limited assurance level given following the audit carried out on the Herts Home Improvement Agency, and in particular the number of high priority recommendations that had been made. While it was noted that this body had been formed relatively recently, it was agreed that the Council's Officer representative on that body would be asked to provide Committee members with some written assurance regarding the matters highlighted.

- **Insurance Contract Options**

The Committee received a report from officers that enabled it to make a recommendation to the Exec that the Council's insurance contracts be extended in the conventional insurance

markets for a further (and final year) from May 2020. It was agreed that the Committee should receive updated report at its March 2020 meeting together with a range of options for 2021.

- **Q1 Corporate Health check Report**

The Committee reviewed the Council's Q1 Corporate Health check report. The small forecast underspend regarding the Council's 2019/20 revenue budget was noted. The capital budget was also considered; it was reported that £61.258m out of the total of £77.940m was to be carried forward to future years.

- The Committee also noted the Council's performance for the period April 2019 to June 2019 as reported.

Background Papers

None

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