

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
VALUE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
29 May 2012 (7.30 - 8.15 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Robby Misir (Chairman), Ray Morgon (Vice-Chair), Ted Eden, Damian White and June Alexander

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ron Ower and Councillor Billy Taylor

+Substitute Member: Councillor June Alexander (for Ron Ower)

There were no declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 February 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2 AGEING WELL REPORT

The Committee received a report detailing some themes arising from the Ageing Well Event which considered the priorities for older people in the borough. The Committee were informed that the appendix to the report showed the areas where event participants felt that things were going well and those areas where they were not going well. The latter areas were potentially what the Committee needed to concentrate on. The strands of themes were discussed by members, and they agreed that there were areas which could be incorporated into their work programme for the next municipal year.

The areas that the Committee agreed would be good to scrutinise were:

- Impact on housing for the Elderly
- Cost of Dial a Ride
- Transportation

The Committee discussed the different areas including the involvement of the Champions for Diversity and Older Persons in any review. The

Committee agreed to allow other Overview & Scrutiny Committees to take a lead in their areas of speciality. The Committee would look to joint working with other Committees in any relevant areas proposed for review.

Officers stated that there would be opportunities for joint working with other Committees in some of the areas discussed.

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

3 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee received a report on the work that had been carried out over the last municipal year. The Committee was informed that the items discussed at this meeting would be included before it was signed off by the Chairman.

The Committee agreed the contents and authorised the Chairman to sign off the final version.

4 **COUNCIL TAX TOPIC GROUP UPDATE**

The Topic Group received further briefing note as part of its scrutiny review on Council Tax Collection.

The Topic Group would be seeking further information in the following areas as part of the review:

1. Update progress from the arrears team
2. A consideration of value for money

5 **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2011/12 - QUARTER 4**

Following to the non availability of the Corporate Performance Report, the Chairman informed the Committee that officers would be directed to circulate thus to Members via email to them once it is signed off on 31 May 2012.

The Committee also suggested that as the report was a standing item at all meetings of the Committee, officers were advised to match the Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee dates for 2012/13 with the release dates of the Performance Indicators (PI) for the coming year to ensure that the Committee be aware when the PIs would be presented in the future.

The Committee requested that it be confirmed back to them that this would be done.

Chairman