



VALUE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm

Thursday
12 July 2012

Town Hall, Main Road,
Romford

Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group (4)

Robby Misir (Chairman)
Ted Eden
Billy Taylor
Damian White

Residents' Group (2)

Ray Morgon (Vice-Chair)
Ron Ower

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AGENDA ITEMS

1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(if any) - receive.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members are invited to disclose any pecuniary interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still disclose any pecuniary interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

4 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2012 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 PRESENTATION FROM DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING CONTROL ON SECTION 106

Oral Presentation by officers

6 PRESENTATION FROM STREETCARE ON POTHOLES

Oral Presentation by officers

7 COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 5 - 8)

The Committee to consider a report setting out details of the work programme for the next municipal year. (Attached)

The Committee is asked to agree the work programme report.

8 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any other item in respect of which the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances which shall be specific in the minutes that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

**Ian Buckmaster
Committee Administration &
Member Support Manager**

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**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

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Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee

12 July 2012

REPORT

Subject Heading:

Committee's Work Programme

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Policy context:

To agree the Committee's work
programme for the 2012/13 municipal
year.

Financial summary:

None – overview and scrutiny work will be
covered by existing resources.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

At this stage of the municipal year the Committee needs, so far as is practicable, to agree its work programme for the forthcoming year. This applies to both the work plan for the Committee as a whole and to the subject of any topic group run under the Committee's auspices.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee agree its work programme for the 2012/13 municipal year.

REPORT DETAIL

- 1.1 Shown in the schedule at the end of the report is a draft initial work programme for the Committee's five remaining meetings during the municipal year (this does not include the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting usually held in January to consider the Council's budget). This has been drawn up by officers following initial discussions with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the Committee may wish to add updates on some or all of the Cabinet reports to the work plan for the relevant future meeting.
- 1.2 Members will note that a significant proportion of the work plan has been left blank at this stage. This is to reflect the fact that Members may well wish to select further issues for scrutiny in light of the briefings they are given by officers. In addition, previous experience has shown that it is beneficial to leave some excess capacity for scrutiny in order to allow the Committee to respond fully to any consultations or other urgent issues that may arise during the year.
- 1.3 Additionally, the Committee has the power to select an issue for more in depth scrutiny as part of a topic group review. Council has recommended that, in view of limited resources, only one such topic group is run at any one time. The Committee is therefore requested to consider what should be the subject of its next topic group review if any.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

None – it is anticipated that the work of the Committee can be supported from existing resources.

Legal implications and risks:

None.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities implications and risks:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Schedule: Draft Work Programme for the Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee					
Meeting 1 (12 June 12)	Meeting 2 (11 October 12)	Meeting 3 (22 November 12)	Meeting 4 (14 February 13)	Meeting 5 (10 April 13)	Meeting 6 (1 May 13)
Committee's Work Programme Report	Quarter 1 Performance Information	Voluntary Sector Grants	Quarter 2 Performance Information	Quarter 3 Performance Information	Committee's Annual Report
Presentation on Section 106 – Development & Building Control Services	CRM Update Performance Figures				Quarter 4 Performance Information
Presentation on Potholes - Streetcare	Havering Strategic Partnership – Update of Annual Meeting				