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LONDON BOROUGH

VALUE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm

**Thursday
18 September 2014**

**Town Hall, Main Road,
Romford**

Members 9: Quorum 4

COUNCILLORS:

**Conservative
(4)**

**Residents'
(3)**

**UKIP
(1)**

**Independent
Residents
(1)**

Philippa Crowder
(Vice-Chair)
John Crowder
Steven Kelly
Robby Misir

Clarence Barrett
(Chairman)
Barbara Matthews
Barry Mugglestone

David Johnson

Graham Williamson

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What is Overview & Scrutiny?

Each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements. Each overview and scrutiny committee has its own remit as set out in the terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

They have a number of key roles:

1. Providing a critical friend challenge to policy and decision makers.
2. Driving improvement in public services.
3. Holding key local partners to account.
4. Enabling the voice and concerns of the public.

The committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations.

Committees will often establish Topic Groups to examine specific areas in much greater detail. These groups consist of a number of Members and the review period can last for anything from a few weeks to a year or more to allow the Members to comprehensively examine an issue through interviewing expert witnesses, conducting research and site visits. Once the topic group has finished its work it will send a report to the Committee that created it and it will often suggest recommendations to the executive.

Terms of Reference

The areas scrutinised by the Committee are:

- Customer access
- E-government and ICT
- Finance (although each committee is responsible for budget processes that affect its area of oversight)
- Human resources
- Asset Management
- Property resources
- Facilities Management
- Communications
- Democratic Services
- Social inclusion
- Councillor Call for Action

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 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 3 July and 20 August 2014 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL LETTER (Pages 11 - 20)

To note the Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Letter (attached).

6 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE - QUARTER FOUR 2013/14 (Pages 21 - 40)

To consider a report on corporate performance information for quarter four that was presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 30 July 2014 (attached).

7 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE - ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14 (Pages 41 - 68)

To consider a report on the annual corporate performance information that was presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 30 July 2014 (attached).

8 FINANCIAL REPORTING AND MONITORING

Report to follow.

9 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

To consider whether the public should now be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public were present during those items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 9 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972; and, if it is decided to exclude the public on those grounds, the Committee to resolve accordingly on the motion of the Chairman.

10 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (VALUE) (Pages 69 - 80)

To consider a report on corporate performance indicators for the Value Committee for quarter four 2013/14 (attached).

11 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.

**Andrew Beesley
Committee Administration
Manager**