

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee held on
Thursday, 12 November 2020 at 5.20 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Grenville Chamberlain – Chair
Councillor Judith Rippeth – Vice-Chair

Councillors:	Anna Bradnam	Dr. Martin Cahn
	Nigel Cathcart	Sarah Cheung Johnson
	Graham Cone	Dr. Claire Daunton
	Peter Fane	Jose Hales
	Geoff Harvey	Steve Hunt
		Richard Williams

Councillors Bridget Smith and Brian Milnes were in attendance, by invitation.

Officers:	Victoria Wallace	Scrutiny and Governance Adviser
	Anne Ainsworth	Chief Operating Officer
	Peter Campbell	Head of Housing

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were noted from Cllr Douglas de Lacey.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

4. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

5. Work Programme

The Chair presented the committee's work programme.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Anti-Racist task and finish group informed the committee that the group was making progress and hoped work would be concluded by February 2021.

The Scrutiny and Overview Committee agreed to set up a task and finish group to investigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on community facilities, with the aim of reporting back to the January 2021 Scrutiny and Overview Committee

meeting. The task and finish group would look at which community facilities had been open, closed and partially closed during the Covid-19 pandemic and would consider how experience and good practice could be used to benefit other parishes in the district. Members appointed to the task and finish group were:

- Councillor Grenville Chamberlain (Chair of the task and finish group)
- Councillor Judith Rippeth
- Councillor Jose Hales
- Councillor Claire Daunton.

Councillor Chamberlain would liaise with officers from New Communities and Democratic Services to arrange a task and finish group meeting.

On conclusion of the Covid-19 task and finish group, the Chair suggested another task and finish group be set up to look at the provision of GP services in villages.

The Chair informed the committee that the December Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting would consider the following:

- An update from the Chief Constable who would be attending the meeting. The Chair asked committee members to send any questions for the Chief Constable, to Democratic Services in advance of the meeting.
- The Council's Empty Homes Strategy.
- An update on the shared Planning service.

6. To Note the Dates of Future Meetings

The next meeting would take place on Thursday 17th December at 5.20pm.

7. Confidential minutes of the previous meeting

The committee agreed to exclude the Press and public from the meeting during consideration of this agenda item. This was in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act).

The confidential minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

The Meeting ended at 5.46 p.m.
