

Minutes of the meeting of the **SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION) COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday, 16 May 2018 at 6.02 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor L A Keen

Councillors: T A Bond
P I Carter
G Cowan
R J Frost
P J Hawkins
P D Jull
M J Ovenden
N A G Richards

Officers: Chief Executive
Policy and Projects Manager
Democratic Services Manager
Democratic Services Officer

115 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received from Members.

116 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute Members appointed.

117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

118 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 and 13 December 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the meetings held on 25 April 2018 were deferred.

119 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Democratic Services Manager advised that no members of the public had registered to speak on items on the agenda to which the public speaking protocol applied.

120 DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION) COMMITTEE

The Democratic Services Manager advised Members of Cabinet's decision made on 14 May 2018 in respect of the recommendations from the Committee with regard to Dover District Regeneration Update. Members who were present at that meeting advised that a discussion did not take place concerning the recommendation.

Members were unsatisfied with the decision and requested that answers to the questions be provided.

RESOLVED: That the Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee express its concern to Cabinet over the lack of discussion it had at its meeting on 14 May 2018 in respect of the Committees recommendations on Dover District Regeneration Update and Cabinet be requested to provide answers to the specific questions it raised in the original recommendations.

121 ISSUES REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY COUNCIL, CABINET, SCRUTINY (POLICY AND PERFORMANCE) COMMITTEE OR ANOTHER COMMITTEE

There were no items for consideration.

122 ITEMS CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY OR PLACED ON THE AGENDA BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, ANY INDIVIDUAL NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OR PUBLIC PETITION

There were no items for consideration.

123 NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING KEY DECISIONS

The Democratic Services Manager presented the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions to the Committee for its consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions be noted.

124 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Democratic Services Manager presented the Scrutiny Work Programme to the Committee for its consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be noted.

125 DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Chief Executive and Policy and Projects Manager presented the revised Dover District Council Local Development Scheme (LDS) to the Committee which had been approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 May 2018.

The LDS set out the timetable for the production of key planning documents that would form part of the District's Local Plan. The LDS superseded the previous LDS published on 4 September 2017 and was updated to take into account changes to the preparation, consultation and adoption of: the District Local Plan and work on the Dover Waterfront; Statement of Community Involvement; and a number of Conservation Area Character Appraisals.

A series of Local Plan workshops were due to take place in the Summer/Autumn 2018 with statutory agencies, Town/Parish Councils and stakeholders in order to assist officers with the preparation of the Draft Local Plan. Consultation on the draft Local Plan was due to commence in July/August 2019. Members were invited to provide officers with their suggestions for stakeholders to consult with and to

provide suggestions for deposit points for hard copies of the consultation for public inspection.

An update to the report was provided outlining the current position of the studies that would be used to compile the Evidence Base for the Local Plan. Members considered the North Deal Transport and Access Study and raised their concerns surrounding the current position of infrastructure in the area which included: sewerage and drainage; power supply provision and broadband. Members were of the opinion that the current infrastructure was not sustainable for any future developments. Members discussed the previous flooding at Albert Road and the residents' concerns for further flooding. Whilst officers acknowledged the infrastructure pressures, these were pressures across all of Kent and not unique to the Dover District and developers had the right to connect to the existing drainage system due to legislation.

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That Southern Water be invited to a meeting of the Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee to discuss Albert Road, Deal and the long term infrastructure needs.
 - (b) That Dover District Council Officers also be invited.

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm.