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# COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Thursday, 11th July, 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Glen Harrison (in the Chair),  
Councillors Kate Walsh, Bernadette Parkinson (Vice Chair),  
Judith Addison, June Harrison and Patrick McGinley  
Co-optee: Doung Hayes

**Apologies:** Bernard Dawson

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**52 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Bernard Dawson, Co-optee.

**53 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no interests or dispensations declared at the meeting.

**54 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 21st March 2019**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**Resolved - That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

**55 Appointment of Co-optees**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer submitted a report to inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees appointment of Co-optees made by Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the following re-appointment of Co-optees to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted:**
  - Honorary Alderman Paul Barton
  - Honorary Alderman Ian Ormerod
  - Honorary Freeman Bernard Dawson
- (2) That the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee re-appoint Honorary Freeman Bernard Dawson as Co-optee to the Community and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee;**
- (3) That Committee noted the previous appointment of Honorary Alderman Doug Hayes as Co-optee to the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, covering the Municipal Year 2019/20;**

**(4) That the Committee noted the amendment to Rule C2 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the appendix to the report; and**

**(5) That the Committee noted the appointment of Gareth Molineux as new Co-optee to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**56 Scrutiny Work Programme**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer submitted a report to approve the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes for 2019/20, to be submitted to the next meeting of Cabinet.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Work Programme still had a slot free for the December Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee and invited Members to submit any proposal for items for scrutiny.

Councillor McGinley suggested that 'Mental Health' was added to the Work Programme and referred to a number of issues that had arisen locally and nationally that had had an impact on patients such as delays in seeking treatment and the location of the hospitals patients were being admitted to. It was suggested that this issue had many depths to be considered and the Overview and Scrutiny Officer and the Chair agreed to consider adding this item to the Work Programme.

**Resolved**

**(1) That the Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2019/20 be approved subject to the addition of a proposed further item 'Mental Health' to be added to the Work Programme and any additional items raised during the year; and**

**(2) That the Work Programme for 2019/20 be submitted to the next meeting of Cabinet.**

**57 Update on Scrutiny Statutory Guidance**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer submitted a report and appended the New Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government. He reported that the Guidance offered ideas and a framework within which local scrutiny functions would need to find their own solutions. He recommended that Members read the Guidance, attached as appendix 1 to the report.

**Resolved**

**- That the report be noted.**

Signed:.....

Date: .....

Chair of the meeting  
At which the minutes were confirmed

