

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY SERVICES) COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2013

PRESENT: Mr J A B Long – Chairman

Mrs J Antill
Mr F R Lawrenson
Mr B D Hurren
Mr P Jones

Mr M Newman
Mr J M Owen
Mr J R A Sayers
Mr D L Wood

Mrs A M Norman was unable to be present.

27 SUBSTITUTES

Mr P Jones (substituting for Mrs A M Norman).

28 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

29 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on [29 January 2013](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

30 PETITIONS

None received.

31 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

32 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – SIX-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Head of Communities submitted a report ([Paper M181](#)) updating the Committee on progress made to the Council's emergency planning and business continuity arrangements since September 2012.

During the course of the discussion various issues were raised including the following:-

- Volunteer Staff Pool – the Committee expressed concern regarding the decreasing numbers and staff morale generally and noted the action being taken to address these issues.
- Community Resilience.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the content of Paper M181 and the progress made by officers and partner agencies be noted.**
- (2) That the Overview and Scrutiny (Community Services) Committee receive the same update report as that provided to the Scrutiny Committee at Mid Suffolk, from the Joint Emergency Preparedness Forum, on an annual basis.**

33 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY SERVICES) COMMITTEE

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted a report ([Paper M182](#)) advising that in accordance with the Constitution, the Committee must report annually to Council on its work during the last year and make recommendations for future work programmes and if appropriate, amended working methods.

During the course of the discussion Members queried how continuity would be maintained as the work currently carried out by this Committee was moved across in the proposed new structure.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Corporate Organisation, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, complete the Committee's Annual Report for submission to the next meeting of the Council based upon Paper M182 and the Committee's views.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.05 a.m.

Note: At the conclusion of the meeting, Members thanked the Chairman for his Chairmanship over the past 6 years.

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Chairman