

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS) held in Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Thursday, 7 April 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor D M Tysoe – Chairman.
Councillors I D Gardener, M Kadewere, C Smith, R J West and Mrs S R Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors T Alban, B S Banks, R D'Souza, D A Giles, H V Masson and Mrs S Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor R Fuller.

49. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2022 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

50. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

51. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Panel received and noted the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions (a copy of which has been appended in the Minute Book) which has been prepared by the Executive Leader for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st July 2022

52. CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - EXTENSION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

By means of a report by the Community Resilience Manager (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency – Extension of Shared Service Agreement was presented to the Panel.

Following questions from Councillor Mrs Wilson and Councillor West, the Panel heard that although the DFG were down last year when compared to the previous year, these numbers can fluctuate on an annual basis. Furthermore, the Panel were advised that due to the shared nature of the service, there was confidence that both capacity and funding would be sufficient to cope with demand.

Having received an enquiry from Councillor Gardener, the Panel were advised that although the agreement presented remained

extensively unchanged, there had been implementation of a new IT system and support, which had resulted in greater efficiencies for the service.

Having widely praised and welcomed the report, the Panel thereupon

RESOLVED

that the Cabinet be encouraged to endorse the recommendations contained within the report.

53. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was presented to the Panel.

Chairman