

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## Joint Scrutiny Committee

held on Thursday, 9 November 2017 at 6.30 pm

at the Meeting Room 1, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton OX14 4SB

**Open to the public, including the press**

### Present:

Members:

South Oxfordshire District Councillors: Richard Pullen, Sue Lawson, Imran Lokhon, David Turner, Ian White

Vale of White Horse District Councillors: Debby Hallett, Chris Palmer, Ed Blagrove, Vicky Jenkins

Officers: Adrianna Partridge, Mark Stone, Susan Harbour, Margaret Reed and Andrew Down

Also present: Vale Councillors Eric Batts, Robert Sharp and South Councillor Jane Murphy

Number of members of the public: 0

### Sc.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from South Councillors David Dodds and John Walsh. Councillors Imran Lokhon and Ian White attended as substitutes.

Apologies were received from Vale Councillors Alice Badcock and Mohinder Kainth. Councillor Vicky Jenkins attended as a substitute for Councillor Kainth.

### Sc.18 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### Sc.19 Urgent business and Chair's announcements

There were no items of urgent business.

### Sc.20 Public participation

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**Sc.1**

There was no public participation.

### **Sc.21 Exclusion of the public**

Members of the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the meeting under Part 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 on the grounds that:

- (i) it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and
- (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **Sc.22 Update on the corporate services contracts**

The Scrutiny Committee supported the proposals in the report regarding the Five Councils' Partnership.

### **Sc.23 Management restructure and senior staff appointments**

The Scrutiny Committee supported the proposed management restructure timetable and process and relevant changes to the constitution.