

## ***Report to Council***

***Date of meeting: 25 April 2017***

**Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Report to Council**

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### **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report from February 2017 to the present be noted.**

### **Report:**

#### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 28 February 2017**

1. At our meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, we received a short presentation from the Principal of Epping Forest College, Ms. Famili. She outlined the measures she had put in place to remedy the 'inadequate' report received from the latest Ofsted inspection. We noted that she was changing the culture of the College to deal with the problems raised and making it into a more open environment where problems were dealt with and not ignored. She told us that there was a long way to go as this was not something that could be changed overnight but she was confident that the college could be turned around. Their next full inspection by Ofsted is due in 12 to 15 months time and she hoped that it would show a significant improvement.

2. Following her presentation we opened up the meeting and took questions from members in attendance and following this I thanked Ms Famili and invited her to return to us in the future to give us an update on the progress being made in response to the next Ofsted report. Ms Famili said that she was happy to do so and that her invitation still stood for any Councillors to come and visit the college.

3. We next considered the call-in made by Councillor Lea on the waste and recycling policies and reported that a review meeting had been held the day before with the Portfolio Holder and two of the call-in signatories. During this meeting a way forward was identified and we were able to formally withdraw the call-in, pending a follow up report addressing the points raised from the Portfolio Holder.

4. Also at this meeting we considered the Cabinet's Key Decision List for February 2017 and noted the progress on the Council's Corporate Plan Key Action Plan for quarter 3. We also reviewed the current situation on the scrutiny of the Princess Alexandra Hospital National Health Service Trust and the Highways Service. We also noted the latest information received from Transport for London following on from their recent visit to us in December.

5. We then considered the PICK form which had been submitted by Councillor Patel concerning the Council's Transformation Programme. Members agreed that this would be a valuable study and asked that it be taken on by the Resources Select Committee who would add it to their work programme to scrutinise as they would be able to take a longer term view of this programme. It was felt that a task and finish panel, by its very nature, would restrict the time necessary for this study.

6. Finally, we agreed that officers should draft a reply for my signature to go to the Government's Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry into Overview and Scrutiny in local government, this was signed and dispatched on Monday 6 March.