

Minutes

EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

24 January 2019

Meeting held at Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge



HILLINGDON
LONDON

	<p>Committee Members Present: Henry Higgins (Chairman), John Riley (Vice-Chairman), Simon Arnold, Wayne Bridges, Peter Curling, Nick Denys, Peter Money and John Morse</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Mark Braddock (Democratic Services)</p>
39.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO REPORT THE PRESENCE OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Mr Tony Little, Roman Catholic Diocesan Co-opted Member.</p>
40.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>No interests were declared by Members present.</p>
41.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2018 (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>Subject to changing an error in the attendance at the last meeting, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
42.	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>Items were considered and public and private as set out on the Cabinet agenda.</p>
43.	<p>CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN AND ANY CALL-INS (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>Members gave consideration to the Cabinet reports of the 24 January 2019 and the decisions made by Cabinet on them earlier that evening.</p> <p>On the budget monitoring report, Members discussed the forecast overspend on the contingency provision for Looked After Children in part due to an increase in the number of high cost residential placements and also a unit cost increase in such placements. The recurring issue of the deficit on the Dedicated Schools Budget was raised along with the risks associated with. Members noted some schools had substantial reserves and stressed the importance of the role of the Schools Forum in tackling such financial pressures. Vacant posts within Trading Standards were highlighted and assurances were sought on whether this was having an impact on local consumer protection services.</p> <p>RESOLVED: – That the decisions made by the Cabinet at their meeting on 24 January 2019 be endorsed and that no call-in be made.</p>

The meeting, which commenced at 7.20 pm, closed at 7.31 pm.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Mark Braddock, Statutory Scrutiny Officer. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.