Confirmed

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Scrutiny Committee** held in the **Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Melton** on **Thursday 14 March 2019** at **6.30pm**

Members of the Committee present:

P Dunnett (Chairman), M Deacon (Vice Chairman), S Bird, C Block, S Burroughes, P Coleman, S Geater, G Harding, C Hedgley, G Lynch, S Mower

Other Councillors present:
T Cooper, S Lawson

Officers present:

K Abbott (Democratic Services Business Manager), C Hartgrove (Finance Services Contractor), S Taylor (Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer)

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1. **Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

   No apologies for absence were received.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

   With regard to item 7, Verbal Update on the Provision of Affordable Broadband, Councillor Block and Councillor Dunnett both declared Local Non-Pecuniary Interests as members of the Suffolk Superfast Broadband CIC.

3. **Minutes**

   RESOLVED

   That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 November 2018 be confirmed

4. **Exempt/Confidential item**

   RESOLVED

   That, under Section 100(a) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendix A of report SCR 01/19 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act

5. **Review of the Commercial Investment Strategy**

   The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources introduced the report, **SCR 01/19,** which, he said, had been provided in response to the formal request by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting in May 2018. The report provided an explanation of how the

Commercial Investment Strategy fitted within the Councils' wider Capital Strategy and alongside the Councils' Treasury Management Strategy.

Item 5 is recorded as a separate and exempt minute.

RESOLVED

That, having considered the report, the Scrutiny Committee had commented upon the detail contained therein

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting.

6. Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee for 2017/18

The Committee received the Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee for 2017/18. The Chairman introduced the report, **SCR 02/19**, which provided a formal summary of the activities and achievements of the Scrutiny Committee during the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED

That, having received and commented upon the 2017/18 Annual Report by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee agreed that the report be accepted

7. Verbal update on the Provision of Affordable Broadband

On behalf of the Member Working Group, Councillor Block provided a brief verbal update to the Committee.

The Committee was also informed by a member of the Committee, also a County Councillor, of comments at the County Council's Scrutiny Committee, and to that Council's Leader's statement regarding "accelerated delivery of fibre to premises in Suffolk" and that "a definitive map of (households) in the 2% will soon be available". The member was asked to request evidence of the achievement of both aspects.

The verbal update was noted.

The Chairman stated that as this was the last meeting of the Suffolk Coastal District Council's Scrutiny Committee he wished to record his personal thanks to the members of the Committee, past and present, for their hard work and for electing him as the Chairman. He said he had been greatly honoured to serve as the Committee's Chairman. He thanked the Committee for its support and hard work, and, in particular, wished to thank Councillor Deacon, as Vice Chairman, for his continued and valued support. The Chairman also thanked the Committee's Clerk, Mrs Abbott, for her excellent contribution in support of the work of the Committee.

The Vice Chairman said he would like to take the opportunity to thank the Chairman for his excellent stewardship of the Committee.

The Committee also wished to acknowledge Councillor Cooper, although not a member of the Committee, who had attended its meetings regularly and thanked him for his continued support and interest in the scrutiny process.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm