WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

5 OCTOBER 2023 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: N Martin (Chairman), F M Oborski MBE (Vice-Chairman), V Caulfield, G Connolly, N J Desmond, P Dyke, K Gale, N Gale, D Little, C Rogers, D Russell and L Whitehouse.

Observers

Councillors I Hardiman and D Morehead.

Observed remotely: Councillor J F Byng.

OS.28 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H E Dyke and P Harrison.

OS.29 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor P Dyke was a substitute for Councillor H E Dyke. Councillor K Gale was a substitute for Councillor P Harrison.

Councillor L Whitehouse joined the meeting at 6.01pm.

OS.30 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

OS.31 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

OS.32 Wyre Forest District Council Housing Supplementary Planning Document

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Planning Policy Officer, who presented the draft Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The Senior Planning Policy Officer gave a presentation on the draft WFDC Housing Supplementary Planning Document, and invited members to ask questions about the presentation and the report. The Committee fully scrutinised it, and the Senior Planning Policy Officer and the Principal Planning Policy Officer were able to provide members with verbal responses to their questions. Members were in agreement to accept the report.

Recommendation: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the information in the report and recommend to Cabinet to AGREE:

• To a 6-week public consultation on the draft Housing SPD.

OS.33 Work Programme

The published Work Programme 2023-24 for the rest of the municipal year was reviewed by the committee, and the items for the November meeting and the rest of the year were noted.

OS.34 Press Involvement

There were no further items for scrutiny that might require publicity.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.24pm.