

**A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2008**

Councillors Davis, Dickson (P), Foster, Foster-Reed, Jacobs (P), Kimber (P), Mrs Mudie, Philpott (P), Mrs Salter, Mrs Searle (P), Train (P) and Ward.

57. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Davis, Foster and Mrs Salter.

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dickson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5(ii) (Travel Tokens).

59. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 29 November 2007 and 3 January 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

60. REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY

There were no requests for scrutiny.

61. REVIEW OF PROGRESS OF SCRUTINIES UNDERTAKEN

Southern Water Working Group

Consideration was given to a briefing note of the Borough Solicitor, which updated the Committee on the progress made by the Working Group.

Councillor Jacobs reported that it was hoped that representatives of Southern Water would be attending the next meeting of the Working Group.

Considerable ground had been covered by the Working Group and it was anticipated that it would be in a position to report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March 2008.

Travel Token Service Working Group

No further meetings of the Working Group had taken place since the last ordinary meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Train reported that a further meeting of the Working Group had been arranged for 27 February 2008 and it was anticipated that it would be in a position to report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March 2008.

62. DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME

A copy of the current work programme for the Committee was circulated to Members. The programme contained brief details of areas which were currently being or were due to be scrutinised, together with dates for appropriate reports to be made to Committee.

The Borough Solicitor advised that it had not been possible to complete Members' training on overview and scrutiny and undertook to bring a report to the Committee at its meeting following the local elections in May 2008.

RESOLVED: That the work programme and the report dates contained therein be approved.

63. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN