

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: Council	REPORT NUMBER: BC/19/12
FROM: Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 23 July 2019

Babergh Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on the 24th June 2019.

Chair: Alastair McCraw

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

As this was the first meeting of the Council year we started with some training on the 'Call-In' process presented by Janice Robinson, Corporate Manager for Democratic Services. Members have been supplied with a series of Check Lists and Do's and Don'ts. This may be of use to other members and is available.

CHAIRS UPDATE ON THE CfPS SCRUTINY SYMPOSIUM

Both Chairs and Officers, Jan Robinson & Henriette Holloway, attended the above event on the 20th June. The central item was the launch of the latest Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities. Dealing with Context, Culture, Resourcing, Committee Selection, Powers of Access, Planning Work and Evidence Sessions, the guidance has taken two years to prepare. It provides a framework and best practice approach for Scrutiny activity. The Chair provided a report on the guidance and related matters.

Members may be pleased to hear that we are already operating in the manner suggested. Almost completely in fact, but there are areas for us to examine and improve.

The Centre for Public Scrutiny also published an updated version of the Good Scrutiny Guide on the same day. Both the Statutory Guidance and the Guide are available to download from the CfPS or from officers.

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TIMETABLE & WORK PLAN 2019/20

The balance of the meeting was spent examining and discussing our plans. With some items already agreed from previous work, we are now building on the last two years. The Babergh committee would like to explore some subjects that involve multi-authority Scrutiny. We covered some excellent suggestions, and these are being explored with the Chairs, Vice Chairs and Officers. The committee are always happy to hear suggestions from members and from the wider public.

Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on the 1st July 2019.

Chair: Alastair McCraw

JOS/19/1 CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND COMPANY (CIFCO CAPITAL LTD) BUSINESS TRADING AND PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/19

PART 2 APPENDIX-DRAFT CIFCO CAPITAL LTD BUSINESS PLAN 2019/20 (CONFIDENTIAL)

The committee received a full report on the performance of CIFCO in the last financial year. Members are referred to the attached minutes which form part of the CIFCO agenda item within this meeting.

Likewise, the Confidential minute in the same agenda item supplies a Scrutiny report on the Business Plan for 2019/20.

The Committee resolved, unanimously, as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee note CIFCO Capital Ltd. trading activity and performance for the year to end April 2019.**
- 1.2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorse the report and ask that Council notes the comments made in the minutes from the meeting 1 July 2019.**

I'm happy to take any questions on this report, but suggest those dealing with CIFCO be dealt with as part of that agenda item.

Alastair McCraw.

Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee, BDC.

10th July 2019.