

Part A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: Thursday, 22 October 2020

Report author: Democratic Services Officer (JK)

Title: Watford and Three Rivers Trust Task Group final report

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report provides Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the final report and recommendations of the Watford and Three Rivers Trust Task Group. The full report is attached as Appendix 1.

1.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the report prior to being forwarded to Cabinet.

2.0 Risks

2.1 No direct risks to the council have been identified as a result of the task group's recommendations.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 that the final report and recommendations of the Watford and Three Rivers Trust Task Group be agreed and forwarded to Cabinet.

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4.0 Detailed proposal

4.1 At its meeting on 23 July 2020, Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed a scrutiny proposal to form a task group to review Watford Borough Council's relationship with Watford and Three Rivers Trust (W3RT), with a particular focus on the partnership working during the pandemic.

4.2 At that meeting, the membership of the task group was agreed. The following councillors were appointed:

Councillor Glen Saffery Chair, Councillor for Woodside Ward
Councillor Dawn Allen-Williamson, Councillor for Callowland Ward
Councillor Jagtar Singh Dhindsa, Councillor for Vicarage Ward
Councillor Amanda Grimston Councillor for Meriden Ward
Councillor Jennifer Pattinson Councillor for Meriden Ward

4.3 The task group had an initial meeting to review and agree the terms of reference, work programme and key witnesses.

4.4 A number of witness sessions were held with representatives of W3RT, officers and other key local stakeholders. The views of the local voluntary sector were captured in a survey.

4.5 The task group has been working in tandem with the council's Voluntary Sector Specialist, who has also been undertaking a review of the council's voluntary sector relationships.

5.0 **Implications**

5.1 **Financial**

5.1.1 The Shared Director of Finance comments that there are no financial implications in this report.

5.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

5.2.1 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report.

5.3 **Equalities, Human Rights and Data Protection**

5.3.1 There are no specific implications in this report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Watford and Three Rivers Trust Task Group report

Background papers

There are no specific background papers for this report. All background information used during the task group's work is referenced in the final report.