

**NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR M RAJA – SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE PLANNING AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**Executive Summary**

At its meeting on 8 April 2021, the Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Executive.

Councillor M Raja

“In the past year, members of the Planning Committee have worked diligently, and under great pressure, in upholding Woking planning policy and responding to residents’ views and concerns.

Similarly, over the past few years, the task group members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have produced important work in leading the effort to review council practices in the face of strong opposition and denial; and eventually had their concerns vindicated by the report from the external investigation.

Given the exemplary work of both the Planning and O&S Committee in the past year, this council commends and thanks them for their commitment to democracy and their service to the residents of Woking and calls for providing the right support to these committees as and when needed.”

Officer Comment

“As a corporate body, the Council comprises a number of parts, not just the Planning Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (as referred to by Councillor Raja). It is considered that the Council as a whole has worked diligently and under pressure during the last year, particularly in supporting residents and local businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic. Accordingly, everyone involved in this effort should be commended.

Appropriate support is provided to all parts of the Council, including the Planning Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In the case of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this is being reviewed in the light of Dr Gifty Edila’s recommendations.”

**Background Papers:** None.

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