

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

20TH JANUARY 2021

PRESENT:- Councillors Tricia Heath (Chair), Stewart Scothern (Vice-Chair), Paul Anderton, Stephie Barber, Alan Biddulph, Mandy King, Abi Mills, John Reynolds and Alistair Sinclair

Officers in attendance:-

Mark Cassidy	Head of Planning and Place
Iain Robertson	Head of Property, Investment and Regeneration
Stephen Metcalfe	Principal Democratic Support Officer
Jenny Kay	Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer

19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th October, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

20 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of Urgent Business.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

22 DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILLOR JANICE HANSON

The Chair welcomed Councillor Hanson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Regeneration and Planning, the Head of Planning and Place and the Head of Property, Investment and Regeneration, to the meeting.

Councillor Hanson provided the Committee with a presentation which gave an overview of her current portfolio which included Economic Regeneration, Planning including the Local Plan, Conservation and Urban Design, Development and Building Control, Compulsory Purchase, Climate Change Resilience, Neighbourhood Plans and Transport Policy and Parking.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions, some of which had been submitted prior to the meeting and the Chair, using her discretion, gave other members present the opportunity to ask questions in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15.

A wide range of questions were raised relating to such issues as the Planning service, delays in planning applications due to a shortage of planning officers, transport in Carnforth, sustainable neighbourhoods, Bailrigg Gardens, UN sustainability goals, the Eden Project Park and Ride and the unsuccessful Morecambe Future High Streets regeneration bid.

It was agreed that the Committee should receive a briefing once the feedback from the unsuccessful Morecambe Future High Streets regeneration bid had been received and that this should be added to the Work Programme.

Resolved :-

- (1) That Councillor Hanson and the Heads of Planning and Place and Property, Investment and Regeneration be thanked for their attendance at the meeting.
- (2) That the Committee receive a briefing once the feedback from the unsuccessful Morecambe Future High Streets regeneration bid had been received and that this would be added to the Work Programme.

23 WORK PROGRAMME REPORT

The Committee considered the Work Programme report.

It was reported that the postponed Community Safety meeting would now take place on 10th February 2021 and Committee members were requested to submit any issues prior to the meeting.

An update was provided regarding the Inadequate 4G/5G item which would be presented to the Committee in April 2021.

With regard to the Autistic and Neurological Friendly District, members were advised that Lancashire County Council had confirmed that there were no examples of this within Lancashire. It was suggested that officers discuss this item further with the former Committee member who had raised it.

Members of the Committee were informed that the outstanding Work Programme item relating to the business cases for any LATCos that came forward, would need to be updated to key decisions the Cabinet are to take regarding LATCos.

Resolved:-

- (1) That the updates be noted.
- (2) That officers discuss the Autistic and Neurological Friendly District item with the former Committee member.
- (3) That the Committee's Work Programme be updated to key decisions the Cabinet are to take regarding LATCos.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.)

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