



**Committee:** OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date:** WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2021

**Venue:** THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING

**Time:** 6.00 P.M.

Councillors are reminded that as Members of Overview and Scrutiny they may not be subjected to the Party Whip, which is prohibited under the Lancaster City Council Constitution.

## A G E N D A

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (previously circulated).

**3. Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chair**

**4. Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations by Councillors of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Councillors are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Councillors should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

**5. Discussions with Councillor Caroline Jackson**

Cabinet Members with Responsibility for Housing :

- Council Housing
- Homelessness
- Private sector housing
- Social Housing
- Caravan sites
- Traveller sites
- Refugee housing
- Household support & resilience

Councillor Jackson has been invited to attend the meeting.

**6. Work Programme Report (Pages 3 - 4)**

Report of the Chief Executive.

**7. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Committee is recommended to pass the following recommendations in relation to the following item(s):-

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

Members are reminded that, whilst the following item(s) have been marked as exempt, it is for Committee itself to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, Members should consider the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and also whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In considering their discretion Members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

**8. Feedback from the Morecambe High Street Bid**

Officers will provide a verbal briefing.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

**(i) Membership**

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

**(ii) Substitute Membership**

Councillors Roger Cleet, Tim Dant, Andrew Gardiner, Colin Hartley, Jack O'Dwyer-Henry and David Whitaker

**(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda**

Please contact Jenny Kay, Democratic Services - email [jkay@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:jkay@lancaster.gov.uk).

**(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies**

Please contact Democratic Support email [democracy@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@lancaster.gov.uk).

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<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
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## Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### Report of the Chief Executive

<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>
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To consider the Work Programme report.

<b>This report is public.</b>
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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the updated Work Programme, as detailed in Appendix A.

#### 1. Introduction

Members are requested to consider and note the updated Work Programme attached at Appendix A that has been produced.

<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>
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The S151 officer has been consulted and has no comments to make.

<b>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>
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The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	<b>Contact Officer:</b> Jenny Kay <b>Telephone:</b> 01524 582065 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:jkay@lancaster.gov.uk">jkay@lancaster.gov.uk</a>
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None.

<u>Matter for Consideration</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Comments/ Expected Date of Meeting</u>
Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Housing.	Councillor Jackson has been invited to attend the meeting.	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2021.
Morecambe Future High Streets Bid.	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.  20 <sup>th</sup> January 2021.	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2021.
Inadequate 4G/5G Coverage within the District.	Remain on Work Programme.	April 2021
How the City Council is progressing with the Climate Emergency.	Consider the findings of the People's Jury.	September 2021.
Local Authority Trading Companies (LATCs).	Key Decisions the Cabinet are to take regarding LATCo's.	TBC.
Autism and Neurological Diversity Friendly district.	Remain on Work Programme.  Discuss with Cllr Whitaker.	TBC.
Invite Local Government Association to a meeting to discuss local government structures.	Remain on Work Programme for later in the year, if required.	TBC.
Crime and Disorder meeting – November 2020.  Invite relevant Cabinet Member.	Annual Crime and Disorder meeting. Invite relevant Cabinet Member.  Committee requested to submit topics for discussion in advance of the meeting.	November 2021.
Monitoring of previous Task Group recommendations.	Remain on Work Programme.	TBC.
Cabinet Member attendance at Overview and Scrutiny meetings.	Invite relevant Cabinet Member to meetings.	Ongoing.

**Task Groups and Working Groups**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Action</b>
Review of Recycling Working Group – requested by Council.	Met at the beginning February 2021.	Meeting again May/June 2021.
Property Portfolio Informal Task Group.	Met once – could not arrange a further meeting as the 2 leading officers left the Council.	Revisit in the New Year.