

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**6.00 P.M.**

**7TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Richard Austen-Baker (Chair), Paul Anderton, Alan Biddulph, Roger Dennison, Mandy King, Jack Lenox, Abi Mills and Joyce Pritchard

Also in attendance:-

Councillors David Whitaker and Joanna Young

Officers in attendance:-

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| Suzanne Lodge    | Acting Director for Communities and the Environment |
| William Griffith | Head of Public Realm                                |
| Stephen Metcalfe | Principal Democratic Support Officer                |
| Jenny Kay        | Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer       |

**11 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**12 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

**13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**14 PUBLIC REALM ISSUES**

The Chair welcomed the Head of Public Realm and the Acting Director for Communities and Environment, to the meeting.

The Committee was advised that representatives from Lancashire County Council had been expected to attend the meeting, but prior to the meeting an email had been received informing the Committee that they were now not attending.

The Committee agreed that any questions or comments raised regarding the County Council's responsibility for weeds on the highways should be emailed to Democratic Services and these would be forwarded on to Lancashire County Council.

The Head of Public Realm for the City Council gave an overview of the responsibilities undertaken by the service. The Committee was given information about bin collection, the emptying of bins, fly tipping, recycling, littering and the seating.

Members of the Committee went on to ask questions regarding blown waste, road sweeping, fly tipping, waste collection and bins. The Committee went on to discuss the problem of student housing and reporting mechanisms.

At the Chair's discretion, other Councillors present were invited to ask questions.

***Resolved :-***

- (1) That the Head of Public Realm and the Acting Director for Communities and Environment be thanked for their attendance at the meeting.
- (2) That any questions or comments regarding the County Council's responsibility for weeds on the highways be emailed to Democratic Services and forwarded on to Lancashire County Council.

**15 UPDATE ON THE RECYCLING WORKING GROUP**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Joanna Young, Chair of the Recycling Working Group to the meeting.

Councillor Young gave the Committee an overview of the work of the Working Group. The Committee agreed that the Working Group should continue its work.

***Resolved :-***

That the Recycling Working Group continue its work.

**16 WORK PROGRAMME REPORT**

The Committee considered the updated Work Programme and noted the update on the timing of the Planning Task Group with a briefing being moved from October to November 2022.

***Resolved :-***

That the report be noted.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 7.18 p.m.)

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