



Committee: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

Venue: MORECAMBE TOWN HALL

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 13th July 2022 (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. Public Realm Issues

- To consider Public Realm issues, in particular for this Council's bins and benches in public places and bin collection.
- A representative from Lancashire County Council has been invited to the meeting to discuss weeds on the highways within the district, in particular what are the county council's plans for the future, the use of chemicals and if/when the use of chemicals is going to cease.

6. Update on the Recycling Working Group

Councillor Joanna Young, Chair of the Working Group has been invited to attend the meeting.

7. Work Programme Report (Pages 3 - 6)

Report of the Head of Democratic Services.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

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

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Gerry Blaikie, Tim Dant, Colin Hartley, Debbie Jenkins, Geoff Knight, David Whitaker, and Conservative vacancy

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Jenny Kay, Democratic Services - email jkay@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

Please contact Democratic Support email democracy@lancaster.gov.uk.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme****7th September 2022****Report of the Head of Democratic Services****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider the Work Programme report.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Members note the updated Work Programme, as detailed in Appendix A.
- (2) That the Committee consider the officer recommendation set out below regarding the Planning Informal Task Group.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee is responsible for setting its own annual Work Programme within the terms of reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution.
- 1.2 Members are requested to consider and note the updated Work Programme attached at Appendix A that has been produced.

2. Updates

- 2.1 Members are reminded that, at the last meeting, the Committee considered the future of the Planning Informal Task Group and agreed to hold a pre-briefing in October to consider the findings of the LGA Peer Challenge that was being undertaken. The Informal Task Group would then meet in November.

Officers have recommended that this be put back to a pre-briefing in November and Task Group meeting in December.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The S151 officer has been consulted and has no comments to make.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS Page 4

The Deputy Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Appendix A - Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022-2023

<u>Matter for Consideration</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Comments/ Expected Date of Meeting</u>
Public Realm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Realm issues, in particular for this Council's bins and benches in public places and bin collection. • Request for a County Council representative to discuss weeds on the highways within the district, in particular what are the county council's plans for the future, the use of chemicals and if/when the use of chemicals is going to cease. • Chair of Recycling Working Group to attend to provide an update on the work of the Group. 	7 th September 2022
Council Priorities - A Sustainable District	The Committee to look at the 4 Corporate Plan priorities for 2030, with a meeting being arranged for each priority. To add value by considering to what extent the Council has delivered on the outcomes. Relevant officers and partners to be invited to attend meetings.	26 th October 2022
Crime and Disorder meeting – November 2022.	<p>Annual Crime and Disorder meeting. Invite relevant Cabinet Member.</p> <p>Committee requested to submit topics for discussion in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Invite the Police and request an update report from the Community Safety Partnership.</p>	16 th November 2022.
Council Priorities - An Inclusive and Prosperous Local Economy	The Committee to look at the 4 Corporate Plan priorities for 2030, with a meeting being arranged for each priority. To add value by considering to what extent the Council has delivered on the outcomes. Relevant officers and partners to be invited to attend meetings.	7 th December 2022.
Health Care meeting	– Integrated Care Bodies etc. Previously requested by Council.	18 th January 2023
Council Priorities - Healthy and Happy Communities	The Committee to look at the 4 Corporate Plan priorities for 2030, with a meeting being arranged for each priority. To add value by considering to what extent the Council has delivered on the outcomes. Relevant officers and partners to be invited to attend meetings.	8 th February 2023
Council Priorities - A Co-operative, Kind and Responsible Council	The Committee to look at the 4 Corporate Plan priorities for 2030, with a meeting being arranged for each priority. To add value by considering to what extent the Council has delivered on the outcomes.	8 th March 2023

	Relevant officers and partners to be invited to attend meetings.	
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Task Groups and Working Groups

Name	Progress	Action
Review of Recycling Working Group – requested by Council.	Several meetings have taken place.	Ongoing. Update at September 2022 meeting.
Town centres to be re-imagined – incorporating vacant shops and markets. (Revitalising Key Centres Informal Task Group.)	Has met once.	Re-commencement of the Task Group dependent on the conclusion of the work of the Recycling Working Group.
Planning Informal Task Group.	Awaiting consideration of the findings of the LGA Peer Challenge Review regarding Planning.	To meet in November and consider the findings of the Review when available with a pre-briefing to be arranged for October. To help look at key issues and feed into the work of the Committee.
Ethical and Sustainable Investment Policy Task Group.	Membership being confirmed and first meeting set up.	