



Committee: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 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 16th November, 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. Council Priorities - An Inclusive and Prosperous Local Economy

Members are reminded that the Committee agreed 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.

6. Work Programme Report (Pages 3 - 5)

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, Bay Independent Group vacancy 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 – Work Programme

7th December 2022

Report of the Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the Work Programme report.
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This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Members note the updated Work Programme, as detailed in Appendix A.
- (2) That the Committee consider the information below regarding the Planning Informal Task Group and a request for an item to be added to the Committee's Work Programme.

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, the Planning Informal Task Group was to begin its work in December.

The Local Government Association (Planning Advisory Service) has recently conducted a full Peer Review of the City Council's Planning and Place Service. This was a review requested by the City Council and it involved internal officers, Elected Members, Parish Councils, statutory consultees, strategic district partners, local architects and local agents. It has been an independent and comprehensive process. The Planning Peer Review helps local planning authorities assess what they are trying to achieve; how they are going about it; what they are achieving; and what they need to improve. It involves an assessment against a framework for a local authority planning function which explores:

- Vision and leadership - how the authority demonstrates high quality leadership to integrate planning within corporate working to support delivery of corporate objectives
- Management - the effective use of skills and resources to achieve value for money, accounting for workload demands, ensuring capacity and managing the associated risks to deliver the authority's spatial vision
- Community engagement – how the authority understands its community leadership role and community aspirations. Then how the authority uses spatial planning to deliver community aspirations.
- Partnership engagement – how the authority has planned its work with partners to balance priorities and resources to deliver agreed priorities
- Achieving outcomes - how the authority and other partners are delivering sustainable development outcomes for their area

The LGA Peer Review report will be sent to the City Council before the end of the year. The City Council will then respond, and this response will be co-ordinated via the Chief Executive's Office.

It is advised that any meetings prior to receipt of the LGA Peer Review report would be premature. The report will guide any actions that are recommended for implementation and it is envisaged that the Peer Review report will be reported to Scrutiny early in the New Year.

- 2.2 Councillor Mills has requested that the Committee consider adding an item to this year's Work Programme regarding flooding in Lancaster, the County Council's response to this and the action it has taken to date on this issue.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The 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>
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. Relevant officers and partners to be invited to attend meetings.	8 th March 2023

Task Groups and Working Groups

Name	Progress	Action
Review of Recycling Working Group – requested by Council.	The Group held a public meeting on 30 th November to hear people's ideas on how to tackle Fly Tipping.	Next meeting is being arranged.
Town centres to be re-imagined – incorporating vacant shops and markets. (Revitalising Key Centres Informal Task Group.)	Has met once.	On hold.
Planning Informal Task Group.	Awaiting consideration of the findings of the LGA Peer Challenge Review regarding Planning.	Please see Work Programme report.
Ethical and Sustainable Investment Policy Task Group.	TBC	On hold until after May 2023.