

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

12TH JULY 2023

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Brett Cooper (Chair), Jack Lenox (Vice-Chair), Martin Gawith, Chris Hanna, Abi Mills and Sue Penney

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillor Paul Hart

Officers in attendance:-

Stephen Metcalfe

Jenny Kay

Principal Democratic Support Officer

Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer

**10 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

There were no Items of Urgent Business.

**12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**13 WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the list of suggestions that had been received from Councillors and members of the public. Comments from the Council's Senior Leadership Team had been obtained prior to the meeting of the Committee for consideration. The Committee was advised of the need to prioritise the issues it wished to take forward in agreeing its Work Programme in view of resource issues. Members felt that in order to take forward some items a further discussion between the Chair of the Committee along with the Chair of the Budget and Performance Panel, Pre-Scrutiny Champion and representatives of Senior Leadership Team. was required.

The following were agreed :

***Resolved :-***

	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Resolved</u>
1.	Discussions with the Leader of the Council and an update on Frontierland	Invite the Leader of the Council to discuss his portfolio and Cabinet's strategies and priorities for the year.  Also request an update on Frontierland.

2.	Air Quality Management Areas	Add to Work Programme for a Teams Briefing in 2024.
3.	Several Issues relating to Housing.	Invite the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Housing to the October meeting to discuss her portfolio and the issues that had been raised previously.  Request a report on Social Housing White Paper 2020 to be circulated with the agenda.
4.	Grassland Management - issues with the interactive map not being up to date. Request statistics on this issue.  Recycling Working Group.	Invite Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services to the December meeting to discuss their portfolio – to include an update on the Grassland Management, Green Bins and consideration of a review of the Recycling Working Group.
5.	Eden Project Morecambe  Impact on rented properties. Also transport plans.	To be considered by members of Senior Leadership Team, the Chairs of O&S and B&PP along with the Pre-Scrutiny Champion.
6.	Flooding in Lancaster - Lancaster City Surface Water Management Plan.	Request an update from Lancashire County Council.
7.	Ethical and Sustainable Investment Policy Formal Task Group – requested by Council.	To be considered by members of Senior Leadership Team, the Chairs of O&S and B&PP along with the Pre-Scrutiny Champion.
8.	Property Portfolio Informal Task Group - to include consideration of Morecambe's Festival Market and concessions in Happy Mounty Park.	To be considered by members of Senior Leadership Team, the Chairs of O&S and B&PP along with the Pre-Scrutiny Champion.
9.	Annual Health Care meeting – Integrated Care System.	To be considered by members of Senior Leadership Team, the Chairs of O&S and B&PP along with the Pre-Scrutiny Champion to discuss and scope topics for the meeting.
10.	Tractors in Thurnham.	Refer to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility and Lancashire County Council to take forward.

**14 LGA PEER CHALLENGE REVIEW REGARDING PLANNING - UPDATE**

The Committee was advised that last year the City Council requested a Peer Challenge from the Local Government Association (LGA), working with the national Planning Advisory Service (PAS). The aim of the Peer Challenge was to independently review the local planning authority's operations and performance and consider how it can respond to the present and future challenges. As a result of this Peer Challenge the Council had produced an Implementation Plan 2023/24 to address the issues raised.

Members considered the progress to date on the Implementation Plan. As the Chief Officer – Planning and Climate Change was unable to attend the meeting, it was agreed that queries and questions raised at the meeting would be forwarded by Democratic Support to the Chief Officer – Planning and Climate Change for response at the October meeting.

***Resolved :-***

That the update be noted and that the queries and questions raised at the meeting be forwarded to the Chief Officer – Planning and Climate Change by Democratic Support for response at the October 2023 meeting.

**15 APPOINTMENTS**

Nominations were requested for appointments to the Homelessness Forum and the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Fairtrade Group.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed :-

“That Councillor Chris Hanna be appointed to the Homelessness Forum.”

It was then proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed :-

“That Councillor Abi Mills be appointed to the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Fairtrade Group.”

***Resolved :-***

(1) That Councillor Chris Hanna be appointed to the Homelessness Forum.

(2) That Councillor Abi Mills be appointed to the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Fairtrade Group.

**16 FORTHCOMING KEY DECISIONS**

It was noted that there were no Forthcoming Key Decisions published as Cabinet was not due to meet in August 2023.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes, please contact  
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