

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

15TH JUNE 2015

PRESENT:- Councillors Nigel Goodrich (Chairman), June Ashworth, Lucy Atkinson, Alan Biddulph, Tracy Brown (substitute for Rob Devey), Brett Cooper, Caroline Jackson, David Whitaker and Phillippa Williamson

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillor Rob Devey

Officers in attendance:-

Stephen Metcalfe
Jenny Kay

Principal Democratic Support Officer
Civic & Ceremonial/Democratic Support Officer

1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Tracy Brown, seconded by Councillor Lucy Atkinson and unanimously agreed: -

“That Councillor June Ashworth be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.”

Resolved :-

That Councillor June Ashworth be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 APPOINTMENTS

Members considered a report which set out a number of appointments the Committee were required to make.

The following appointments were agreed.

Resolved:-

- (1) That Councillor Nigel Goodrich be appointed Scrutiny Champion for the Municipal Year.
- (2) That Councillor Caroline Jackson be appointed the Pre-Scrutiny Champion for the Municipal Year.
- (3) The following were agreed as Cabinet Liaison Members: -

- Councillor Eileen Blamire - Councillor Nigel Goodrich
- Councillor Janice Hanson - Councillor Phillippa Williamson
- Councillor Abbott Bryning - Councillor Brett Cooper
- Councillor Darren Clifford - Councillor June Ashworth
- Councillor Karen Leytham - Councillor Caroline Jackson
- Councillor David Smith - Councillor Brett Cooper
- Councillor Margaret Pattison - Councillor Nigel Goodrich
- Councillor Richard Newman-Thompson - Councillor Phillippa Williamson

(4) The following appointments were agreed to outside bodies: -

- Homelessness Forum - Councillor Tracy Brown.
- Lancaster & Morecambe Fairtrade District Steering Group - Councillor Brett Cooper.
- Museums Advisory Panel - Councillor Chris Leadbetter.

4 WORK PROGRAMME REPORT

Members considered a report giving details of the Committee's Work Programme and outstanding items from the previous Municipal Year.

It was noted that there were two possible Task Groups that had been deferred to this Municipal Year. Regarding the Marmot Review it was agreed that information on the Review be circulated to Members of the Committee.

It was agreed that the Litter in the District potential Task Group would be kept as a reserve for the time being and that the relevant Cabinet Member be invited to attend the 9th September 2015 meeting to discuss this matter and other issues within their Portfolio area.

It was agreed that the Leader of the Council be invited to the 8th July 2015 meeting of the Committee to discuss her Portfolio, areas of responsibility and areas where the Committee could be involved in policy development, or issues that would benefit from Task Group working.

Councillor Whitaker advised the meeting of the latest position regarding the County Council's locality working arrangements. It was reported that these were being reviewed and that this included the 3 Tier Forums.

Members discussed ways to liaise with Cabinet Members and it agreed that it be suggested to the Leader of the Council that an informal meeting be held between Members of this Committee and Cabinet Members.

The Committee made a number of decisions regarding the existing Work Programme as set out below: -

Work Programme Item	Decision
Update on the Renewable Energy Strategy.	(1) That the previous report be circulated to the Committee. (2) That officers be asked for a briefing note advising of the latest position. (3) That, subject to (1) and (2) above this issue be considered at the 9 th September 2015 meeting.
Update report on Health Scrutiny.	That the City Council's representative on the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee be invited to attend the 8 th July 2015 meeting themed on health.
Update on Dementia Friendly Pilot.	That an update report be provided for the 8th July 2015 meeting and that the City Council's Older Peoples Champion and relevant Ward Councillors be invited to attend.
Draft Empty Property Strategy 2015/17.	That a briefing note informing of the latest position be provided to the Committee prior to the next meeting. The Committee to then consider whether this item should remain on the Work Programme.
Carers visiting older people in their own homes and how the carers were trained, monitored and employed.	Remove from the Work Programme and request Councillor Hartley to raise this issue at the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.
Monitoring of Older People's Homes both private and public.	Remove from the Work Programme and request Councillor Hartley to raise this issue at the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.

Royal Lancaster Infirmary - Care Quality Commission's report.	To be considered at the 8 th July 2015 meeting.
Update on 'Better Care Together' Review of Local Health Services.	To be considered at the 8 th July 2015 meeting.
Marmot Review.	That a copy of the presentation previously provided be circulated to the Committee. The Committee to then consider this issue further.
Consideration of Draft Older People's Housing Strategy.	Remove from the Work Programme.
Update on the impact of the new Anti-social Behaviour Act 2014 on Ridge Square.	To be considered at the Annual Community Safety meeting on 18 th November 2015, with a written report being provided for the meeting.
Annual consideration of Community Safety.	To be arranged for 18 th November 2015.
Review of Fire Station Capacity.	That previous information on this issue be circulated to the Committee.
Annual consideration of Older People's Issues (inviting Age UK and other relevant agencies).	(1) That a meeting be arranged for summer 2016. (2) That the Cabinet Member with Responsibility and the Champion for Older People be invited to attend the meeting.
Updates on the future of the Castle and on the Beyond the Castle project.	(1) Remove from the Work Programme. (2) That the Committee receive updates as and when provided.

Resolved:-

- (1) That the outstanding items and agreed actions as set out above be approved.

- (2) That a more detailed Work Programme be provided at the next meeting of the Committee.

5 CONSIDERATION OF ANY REQUESTS FOR COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS)

It was noted that there had not been any requests for items to be considered in accordance with the Councillor Call for Action process.

6 CONSIDERATION OF ANY PETITIONS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS)

It was noted that there had not been any requests for items to be considered in the accordance with the Consideration of Petitions process.

7 LOCALITY WORKING

It was noted that Councillor Whitaker had provided a verbal update earlier in the meeting (minute 4 refers).

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.24 p.m.)

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