



Committee: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2016

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.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December, 2015 (previously circulated).

3. Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chairman

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Members of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members 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 10 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Members 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, Members 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. Child Bus Fares in the Lancaster and Morecambe Area and other Bus Related Issues

Matt Cranwell, Managing Director of Stagecoach Cumbria and North Lancashire has been invited to attend the meeting.

The Chairman of the Bus Users Group, Jim Davies, has also been invited to attend.

6. CCTV

Report of the Chief Officer (Environment) – report to follow.

7. Discussions with Councillor Karen Leytham

Cabinet Member with responsibility for:

- Housing
- Environmental Health

Councillor Leytham has been invited to the meeting.

8. Consideration of any requests for Councillor Call for Action (in accordance with the process)

9. Consideration of any Petitions (in accordance with the process)

10. Locality Working

11. Work Programme Report (Pages 1 - 5)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance).

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

Councillors Nigel Goodrich (Chairman), June Ashworth (Vice-Chairman), Lucy Atkinson, Alan Biddulph, Brett Cooper, Rob Devey, Caroline Jackson, David Whitaker and Phillippa Williamson

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Tracy Brown, Andrew Gardiner, Geoff Knight, Roger Mace, Terrie Metcalfe, Abi Mills and Nicholas Wilkinson

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Jenny Kay, Democratic Services - telephone (01524) 582065 or email jkay@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

Please contact Democratic Support, telephone 582170, or alternatively email democraticsupport@lancaster.gov.uk.

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Work Programme Report

27th January 2016

Report of the Chief Officer (Governance)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with an update of the Committee's Work Programme.
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This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Members note the Work Programme, as detailed in Appendix A to the report and the updates set out below.
- (2) That Members consider whether they would like to include any further items in the Work Programme.

1. Introduction

Members are requested to consider the Work Programme attached at Appendix A and the updates set out in 2 below.

2. Updates

Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Rented Properties

At its last meeting, the Committee requested an update on the Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Rented Properties. This is being included as part of the Neighbourhood Wellbeing Project in the West End of Morecambe which will begin later in the year. It is expected that a report will be produced in the Autumn.

Items for consideration by the Committee

The following 2 items have been received and placed on the agenda in accordance with Part 4, Section 5, paragraph 10(a) of the Council's Constitution, which states:-

- (a) *Any Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Budget and Performance Panel shall be entitled to give notice to the Chief Executive that they wish an item relevant to the Terms of Reference of the meeting of which they are a member to be included on the agenda for the first available meeting. The meeting will determine whether the issue should be included in its Work Programme based on its relevance as compared to the priorities as set out in the Scrutiny Work Programme.*

(i) Proposal for a Resilience Commission for Lancaster District

Councillor Caroline Jackson has submitted an issue for consideration by the Committee.

Members are requested to consider the proposal attached at Appendix B.

(ii) Derelict and Unsightly Buildings

Councillor David Whitaker has requested the Committee to consider the issue of derelict and unsightly buildings, in particular, whether Members would want to do some work and try and work out a satisfactory outcome for residents who are negatively impacted by this problem.

Flooding

The Committee will recall it has agreed to hold an additional meeting in March 2016, if the timing is appropriate, to consider a report and the policies and procedures in place for dealing with this and other major flooding incidents. Members also requested that the relevant officer(s), Cabinet Member(s), and other relevant representatives including the emergency services, Lancashire County Council, NW Electricity and the Environment Agency be invited to the meeting to provide evidence and answer questions to ensure that all organisations learn from this incident.

In order to gather evidence it was agreed that all Councillors should be emailed to obtain their feedback from the various Wards within the District.

This information is being collated and will be presented at the additional meeting to consider this issue.

Scoping of Possible Task Group

Members were advised at the last meeting that the scoping of a possible Task Group to investigate the promotion of the local economy would be undertaken to report back to the 27th January 2016 Committee meeting.

This has yet to be undertaken as work has focused on setting up the Informal Task Group on the Night Time Economy.

Dementia Friends Session

As requested by the Committee, a Dementia Friends session has been arranged to take place as part of the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 24th February 2016.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

<u>Matter for Consideration</u>	<u>Officer Responsible /External</u>	<u>Expected Date of Meeting</u>
Child Bus Fares in the Lancaster and Morecambe Area.	Stagecoach. Bus Users Group.	27 th January 2016.
CCTV.	Chief Officer (Environment).	27 th January 2016.
Dementia Friends Session.	Chief Officer (Governance).	24 th February 2016.
Report, policies and procedures in place for dealing with major flooding incidents.	Chief Officer (Heath & Housing). Chief Officer (Environment). Chief Officer (Regeneration & Planning). Relevant Cabinet Members and Agencies.	March 2016.
Update on the Draft Renewable Energy Strategy.	Chief Officer (Environment).	Feb/April 2016.
Peer Review.	Chief Executive. Chief Officer (Governance).	6 th April 2016.
Experiences of change from the Cabinet to Committee Governance system.	Chief Officer (Governance).	Site visit to Fylde Borough Council April 2016.
Annual consideration of Older People's Issues (inviting Age UK and other relevant agencies).	External organisations. Cabinet Member with Responsibility and Champion for Older People to be invited to the meeting.	Summer 2016.
Promoting the Local Economy.	Chief Officer (Regeneration and Planning).	TBA.
Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Rented Properties.	Chief Officer (Health and Housing).	TBA.
Update report on Health Scrutiny.	Clinical Commissioning Group. Invite the City Council's representative on the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.	TBA when appropriate.

Briefing Notes

<u>Matter for Consideration</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>Officer Responsible</u>	<u>Date Circulated</u>
Health and Housing Functions and Policies.	9 th December 2015	Chief Officer (Health and Housing).	
Fly Tipping – Increase since the introduction of charges at Recycling Centres.	9 th December 2015	Chief Officer (Environment).	

Cabinet Members Attending

<u>Cabinet Member with Responsibility</u>	<u>Link Member</u>	<u>Expected Date of Overview and Scrutiny Meeting</u>
Councillor Margaret Pattison, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Markets, Voluntary Sector, Older People and ICT.	Councillor Nigel Goodrich.	14 th October 2015.
Councillor David Smith, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Community Safety, Clean and Green.	Councillor Brett Cooper.	18 th November 2015.
Councillor Eileen Blamire, Leader of the Council with Responsibility for Relationships with other Councils, Communications, Performance Management, Democratic Services, Legal and HR.	Councillor Nigel Goodrich.	9 th December 2015.
Councillor Karen Leytham Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Housing and Environmental Health.	Councillor Caroline Jackson.	27 th January 2016.

Note: Cabinet Members will be requested to provide a summary on their areas of responsibility, information on services and upcoming and ongoing issues that the Committee should be aware of.

Task Groups

<u>Task Group Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Night Time Economy (Informal).	December 2015.	First meeting arranged.
Promoting the Local Economy.	December 2015.	To be scoped.

Proposal for a Resilience Commission for the Lancaster District

The Institute for Sustainable Communities defines resilience as being “ better able to prepare, adapt and get stronger in response to internal and external pressures and stresses, in ways that not only allow people, businesses, neighbourhoods, and the whole community to maintain essential functions and bounce back relatively quickly, but also to bounce forward toward an improved environment, social and economic health and wellbeing.”

The recent flooding and loss of power for fairly prolonged periods highlighted a whole range of vulnerabilities within our infrastructure and systems but also showed a good level of community involvement and potential strength in the face of those vulnerabilities.

This is currently under review by the Emergency Response Team - a Resilience Commission would follow on the work and recommendations of the ERT.

It would bring together community leaders at all levels and across a full range of interests including both the voluntary and commercial sector as well as fully involving district and county council, emergency services and infrastructure providers as necessary.

The aim of the Resilience Commission led by Lancaster City Council would be to facilitate and enable the district to build the resources that could save money, loss and hardship by mobilising the social capital of our communities.

Remit to include:

- presenting the ERT recommendations to community members to allow comment and consultation
- providing feedback on the consultation to establish a baseline for communities
- enabling individual interest groups eg shop owners to devise their own resilience plans which integrate with wider needs and resources and enabling neighbourhoods to create neighbourhood specific plans integrated as above
- create or co-create short/longer term action plans for city and county council where their powers and provisions would enable neighbourhoods to provide for vulnerable people independently in emergency conditions
- determine how the district could educate and motivate itself to follow up the recommendations of the commission and begin that process
- in pursuit of long term resilience in the district, highlight the need for changes to policy or practice in wider areas such as education, highways and travel planning, food supply, land use and river use, energy provision
- review its own work and make recommendations to a wider audience of local authorities and interested parties

Who does this and how?

Not sure -- it needs discussion

Funding – clearly the less dependant on outside funding, the more resilient the whole process becomes, however funding for officer and admin support, for running consultation days and enabling small groups to meet, for publishing/sharing findings and for educational/informational work at the end. I suggest we look for govt money from the flood funding as a replicable model for other districts/areas.