

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT:- Councillors Tricia Heath (Chair), Stewart Scothern (Vice-Chair), Paul Anderton, Stephie Barber, Alan Biddulph, Merv Evans, Mandy King, Abi Mills and David Whitaker

Officers in attendance:-

Mark Davies	Director for Communities and the Environment
Stephen Metcalfe	Principal Democratic Support Officer
Jenny Kay	Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer

The Chair adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes to enable those members experiencing technical issues to join the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 6.05pm.

9 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2020, were agreed as a correct record.

10 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of Urgent Business.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

12 DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILLOR CAROLINE JACKSON

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Caroline Jackson, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing to the meeting.

Councillor Jackson gave the Committee a detailed overview of the work that had been undertaken within her portfolio over the past 6 months.

A number of questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting relating to Local Authority Trading Companies, camper vans, Mellishaw Traveller site, housing waiting lists, affordable housing grants and private rental evictions.

Resolved:-

That Councillor Jackson be thanked for her attendance at the meeting.

13 WORK PROGRAMME REPORT

The Committee was requested to consider the Work Programme report which included a list of suggestions for the Committee's Work Programme that had been received from members of the public and Councillors. The Committee was reminded that the Chair and

Vice-Chair had met with the Council's Executive Team to discuss the outstanding Work Programme and the suggestions that had been submitted for the forthcoming year.

The Committee considered the suggestions and agreed to the following being included in the Committee's Work Programme:

Resolved:-

<u>Matter for Consideration</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Comments/ Expected Date of Meeting</u>
Local Authority Trading Companies.	That it be requested that the Committee consider the Business Case for each proposed LATC before they were considered by Cabinet with all Members being invited to the meeting so that any views could be submitted to Cabinet prior to consideration of the cases. Minute 23 - 20 th November 2019. Overview and Scrutiny Committee invited to briefing the following week on this subject.	TBC.
Traffic issues.	Invite Lancashire County Council's Highways Service to a future meeting to advise the Committee on traffic issues within the district, the Transport Masterplan & also how Climate Change is being considered within the Masterplan. Invite relevant Cabinet Members to the meeting.	Scheduled for October meeting.
How the City Council is progressing with the Climate Emergency.	Add to Work Programme. Consider the findings of the People's Jury.	January 2021.
Autism and Neurological Diversity Friendly district.	Remain on Work Programme.	TBC.
Inadequate 4G/5G Coverage within the District.	Remain on Work Programme.	TBC.
Invite Local Government Association to a meeting to discuss local government structures.	Remain on Work Programme for later in the year if required.	TBC.
Monitoring of previous Task Group recommendations.	Remain on Work Programme.	TBC.

Cabinet Member attendance at Overview and Scrutiny meetings.	Invite relevant Cabinet Member to meetings.	Ongoing.
Crime and Disorder meeting – November 2020. Invite the relevant Cabinet Member.	Members of the Committee to submit issues in advance of the meeting. Annual meeting. Committee requested to submit topics for discussion in advance.	November 2020.

Task Groups and Working Groups

Name	Progress	Action
Property Portfolio Informal Task Group.	Met once – could not arrange a further meeting as the 2 leading officers left the Council.	Revisit in the New Year
Review of Recycling Working Group – requested by Council.	Met once before lockdown.	Restart and include Fly Tipping in the scoping and Term of Reference.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.)

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