

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme and Appointments - Update Report

20th November 2024

Report of Chief Officer - Governance

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the Work Programme and Appointments Update Report.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Committee considers the updates below.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Committee is responsible for setting its own annual Work Programme within its terms of reference, set out in the Council's Constitution. Members are requested to consider the updates set out in the report.

1.2 The Committee is also requested to make appointment to the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Fairtrade Group on the basis agreed by Council on 13th May 2024, detailed in the report.

2. Updates

2.1 Tenants Satisfaction Measures

At its meeting held earlier this year on 17th January the Committee considered the Tenants' Satisfaction Survey for 2023. Members are asked if they wish to consider the Tenant Satisfaction Measures for 2024 and, if so, whether this can be added to the Committee's Work Programme for its meeting on 8th January 2025.

2.2 Postponed Items

The Committee will, at this meeting, consider the Lancaster District Allotment Review. The Committee is asked whether the two remaining items that were scheduled for the September meeting, listed below, be considered at the 8th January meeting, or later meeting when Councillor Joanne Ainscough, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environmental Services, and the relevant officers are available to attend:

- Remote monitoring of litter bins and route optimisation, and

- the Draft Fly Tipping Strategy.

With regard to remote monitoring of litter bins and route optimisation the Chief Officer – Environment and Place has advised that this is still in the implementation phase and will, if the Committee feel that this is beneficial, provide as an update on the system and its innovative approach.

2.3 Cabinet – Scrutiny Protocol

At the last meeting Councillor Jason Wood, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Corporate Services, was invited to attend to discuss the way forward regarding the Scrutiny Protocol. It was noted that the Cabinet Member would consider the issues raised, discuss with Officers and report back to the Committee in order to jointly agree a Protocol.

The Committee is asked to note that it was agreed that the Cabinet Member report back to the Committee with the issues raised at a later date. This item to be added to the Work Programme at the appropriate time.

2.4 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Committee is asked to make an appointment to the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Fairtrade Group.

The Council meeting, held on 13th May 2024, considered and approved the basis upon which appointments to various outside bodies, partnerships and boards are made. For the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Fairtrade Group this is 1 representative from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

At its meeting, held on 29th May 2024, the Committee appointed Councillor Abi Mills as the Committee’s representative. Councillor Abi Mills is no longer a member of the Committee and, therefore, the Committee is asked to make appointment to the Group for the remainder of the municipal year.

<p>RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK</p> <p>There are no direct implications as a result of this report.</p>
<p>CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)</p> <p>There are no direct implications as a result of this report.</p>
<p>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report.</p>
<p>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>With regard to that part of the report referring to outside bodies Members of outside bodies are entitled to travelling expenses, which are funded from within existing budgets.</p>

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources; Information Services; Property; Open Spaces:

None.

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

Report to Council dated 13th May 2024.

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 29th May 2024.

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