



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Monday, 26 April 2021 remote access via WebEx.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee members present:

Councillors Ibison, Matthew Vincent, I Amos, R Amos, Ballard, Collinson, Cropper, E Ellison, Fail, Longton, Minto and O'Neill

Officers present:

Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer
Peter Foulsham, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

38 **Declarations of interest**

None.

39 **Confirmation of minutes**

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 1 March 2021 were **approved** as a correct record.

40 **Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22 – update and planning**

The Corporate Director Resources (and Section 151 Officer), Clare James, submitted a report that updated the committee about the delivery of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22.

The Chairman clarified an error in the report at point 3.2 in the final paragraph that referred to Councillor Matthew Vincent the Chair of the group. It should have stated 'prospective Chair' as the group had not met.

The Chairman, Councillor Ibison, then proceeded to go through the report.

Members asked about the paused review of Wyre's Contact with the YMCA and the date when the consultant's report will be completed. Democratic Services informed members that once this information was received, the committee would be informed.

The Chairman proposed that there are further discussions about the recent Review of Scrutiny once the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny workshop, on 17 June 2021 at 6 pm, with Ian Parry is completed. The committee **agreed** this was appropriate. All members of the committee would be expected to attend.

The Chairman proposed that in order to get the Review of the District Enforcement Pilot Task Group reconvened, it would be a good idea to, at the next meeting, invite Ruth Hunter, Head of Public Realm and Environmental Sustainability, to provide the committee with an update to see if the original task group's scoping document needed amending.

It was mentioned by the Chairman that the Call-in procedures task group be suspended for the time being and then relooked at in the future.

Members discussed topics such as town centres, pedestrianisation, parking fees, local tourism and 'staycations'. Councillor Matthew Vincent suggested the commissioning of a task group that would cover the area of the tourism offer in Wyre following the impacts of Covid-19 in particular. The Chairman echoed this request, and it was **agreed** by members that at the next meeting they would consider a draft-scoping document before the commissioning of this task group.

Regarding anti-social behaviour, the Chairman suggested that once the current Police and Crime Commissioner election is completed then the committee could formulate some future agenda time for this topic, which was **agreed** by members.

41 Citizens Advice Lancashire West Task Group - draft report

The Chairman of the Citizens Advice Lancashire West (CALW) Task Group, Councillor Howard Ballard introduced the report and was happy to answer any questions from members.

Members asked questions about the need of CALW in the rural areas, the levels of funding of the service and the chosen area for the digital kiosk service.

Following discussions, it was proposed by Councillor Ballard, seconded by Councillor Longton and **agreed** by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that there should be an amendment made to recommendation number three to remove "and that they believe the best place for such a service would be at Knott End" and to be replaced with "**and that the CALW will advise on the best location for such a service.**"

The Committee then noted the amended report and **agreed** that it will go to the next Cabinet meeting for their consideration.

The Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny thanked Councillor Ballard and the members of the CALW task group for their hard work and report. Councillor

Ballard additionally thanked the members for their contributions.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.19 pm.

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