

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Monday, 25 April 2022 at the Committee Room 2 - Civic Centre.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee members present:

Councillors Ibison, Matthew Vincent, Le Marinel, I Amos, Ballard, E Ellison, Longton, O'Neill, Webster and Cartridge

Apologies for absence:

Councillors Sir R Atkins and Fail

Failed to attend or tender their apologies for absence:

Councillor Minto

Officers present:

Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

47 Declarations of interest

None.

48 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28 February 2022 were **approved** as correct record.

49 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23 – update and planning report

On behalf of the committee, the Chairman, Councillor John Ibison, mentioned a few words in memory of Councillor Rita Amos.

The Chairman introduced the item and reported to members the outcome of the recent Work Programme Workshop. He noted that it was a very constructive session and thanked the members and senior officers involved. He further reminded members that whilst this workshop helped identify priorities and provided structure for the months ahead, time should be set aside to revisit the relevance of topics as the local context changed.

Marianne Unwin, the Democratic Services Officer, provided a short update on the report. It was suggested that the topic under future review focuses for 2022/23 named “YMCA Contract/Agreement” should be focused on the future provisions of Wyre’s leisure activities and not the existing agreement with the YMCA. Therefore, members agreed that the task group name should be altered to reflect this. Members additionally questioned if there was an update to the timetable of the KKP Leisure Review.

In addition, Marianne updated members that the Democratic Services Manager at Fylde Council had requested for Wyre’s Democratic Services Team to host a taster session on Overview and Scrutiny for Fylde’s councillors.

Discussions took place regarding a future task group to review the tourism corporate strategy. The Chairman highlighted that this review should consider how the council aimed to deal with tourism from a strategic level and identify areas of modernisation.

Councillor Peter Le Marinel proposed that officers be asked to produce an interim update on the implementations of the Tourism Recovery Task Group to be brought to the next meeting, the Chairman echoed this request.

Councillor Emma Ellison expressed that a task group regarding Marsh Mill should be included in the current Work Programme. The Chairman suggested that at present, this was not a significant concern of the public and suggested that reviewing historical landmarks, such as the Marsh Mill, could be considered during the tourism strategy review.

It was **agreed** that the report was noted.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.37 pm.

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