



## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda**

**Wyre Borough Council**  
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**Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on Monday, 25 April 2022 at  
6.00 pm in the Committee Room 2 - Civic Centre**

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Declarations of interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from any councillor on any item on this agenda.

**3. Confirmation of minutes**

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To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 28 February 2022.

**4. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23 – update and  
planning report**

(Pages 7 - 14)

The Corporate Director Resources, Clare James, has submitted a report updating the committee about the delivery of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23. Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer, will introduce the report and respond to questions and comments from councillors.

**5. Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on Monday 6 June 2022 at 6 pm in Committee Room 2, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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## Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Monday, 28 February 2022 at the Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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**Overview and Scrutiny Committee members present:**

Councillors Ibison, Matthew Vincent, Sir R Atkins, Le Marinel, Ballard, Fail, Longton, O'Neill and Cartridge (joined at item 4)

**Apologies for absence:**

Councillors I Amos, R Amos, E Ellison and Webster

**Failed to attend or tender their apologies:**

Councillor Minto

**Officers present:**

Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer

Neil Greenwood, Head of Environmental Health and Community Safety

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

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**41        Declarations of interest**

Councillor Sir Robert Atkins declared a non-registerable personal interest for item 4, as his daughter was the Home Office Minister who worked on the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

**42        Confirmation of minutes**

Councillor Fail requested an amendment be made to the draft minutes (minute 36 bullet point 5) to highlight the four Lower-Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) discussed, to which members agreed.

Therefore, the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2022 were **approved** as a correct record with the addition of the following amendment:

- Lower-Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) concerning education, skills and training, employment, income and health deprivation

## PCC Police and Crime Plan

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Andrew Snowden and Chief Inspector, Cara Leadbetter attended the committee meeting to provide an update on the Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire.

A copy of the Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire was passed out to the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their information.

Police and Crime Commissioner Snowden explained to members that the Police and Crime Plan had been developed in consultation with members of the public, Local Authorities and other partners across Lancashire. The document reflected the issues that mattered the most to the people of Lancashire. He highlighted the importance of the plan's tone, which set the culture of the policing organisation.

He introduced the plan and summarised the following five areas of priority:

1. Getting tough on Anti-Social Behaviour
2. Disrupting and Dismantling Organised Crime
3. Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
4. Cracking Down on Burglary and Robbery
5. Targeting Dangerous Drivers

Police and Crime Commissioner Snowden explained to members that the premier message of the plan was to fight crime and protect residents.

In response to questions on dealing with sexism within the police service and victims of sexual assault, Commission Snowden stressed the importance of setting a precedent for what was not acceptable and the consequences for any wrongdoing. He explained a recent incident of robust actions taken against an ex-officer. In addition, Chief Inspector Leadbetter assured the committee that the culture of policing was changing and that they were addressing the existing issues and moving forward.

A member asked about the methods used to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Wyre; Commissioner Snowden explained that on a strategic level he aimed to provide better coordination between partners and to provide more support for the use of civil powers. In addition, he updated members on the Safer Lancashire Neighbourhood Fund due to launch at the end of March 2022. This was to provide grants for local communities to prevent and fight anti-social behaviour. Cara Leadbetter expressed the value of Lancashire Talking to assist police to find the key areas where anti-social behaviour is happening in the borough. She updated members of the new early intervention initiative to launch on 17 March 2022, Multi-agency Schools Projects (MSP), in partnership with the Violence Reduction Network set up in Fleetwood.

Members asked additional questions and responses were received regarding the following areas:

- Food banks at the former Fleetwood hospital

- Police time at hospitals
- Mood trackers at schools
- The five priorities concerning Wyre
- Dispersal Order at Chatsworth estate
- Vehicle nuisance

Both the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Inspector highlighted the importance of community intelligence to assist the police to fight crime.

The Chair, Councillor Ibison, praised and thanked Andrew Snowden and Cara Leadbetter for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

#### **44 Wyre Community Safety Partnership - annual scrutiny review**

The Head of Environmental Health and Community Safety, Neil Greenwood, submitted a report regarding the Wyre Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder addressed the committee and introduced the report.

Councillor Berry updated members that Wyre Council would have a new Licensing Officer in post by March 2022 and addressed the recent changes within the police such as the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner, Andrew Snowden, a new Chief Constable, Chris Rowley, and a new West Lancashire Division command structure including a new inspector for Wyre, Martin Wyatt. He explained that Wyre had benefitted from the changes.

Councillor Berry explained the five priorities of the CSP, as per the update report:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
2. Violence Against the Person
3. Domestic Abuse
4. Substance Misuse – Alcohol
5. Road Safety

He added that the CSP priorities were aligned with the Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire.

Councillor Berry mentioned the benefits of Wyre's CCTV system and thanked the volunteers who assist to run the service. He updated members that the system needed an upgrade to convert the cameras to digital.

Members asked questions regarding:

- The crime figures,
- Tackling cyber-crime,
- Anti-social behaviour statistics over five to ten years.

Neil Greenwood informed councillors of the difficulty of obtaining completely accurate crime statistics over a long period, such as five years, as in recent years, Lancashire Constabulary had changed the method of recording.

The Chair thanked the Head of Environmental Health and Community Safety, Neil Greenwood and the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder, Councillor Roger Berry for their thorough update.

#### **45 Business Plan - Quarterly Performance Statement**

The Corporate Director Communities submitted a report on the Third Quarter Performance Statement 2021/22 (October – December 2021).

Councillor Le Marinel asked if there were a further update on the Poulton-le-Fylde to Fleetwood tramway/rail loop. Councillor Ballard responded that there were no updates.

The report was noted.

#### **46 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22 – update report**

The Corporate Director Resources, Clare James, submitted a report to update the committee about the delivery of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22.

The Democratic Services Officer, Marianne Unwin, introduced the report to the committee.

Councillor Ballard questioned how the committee would review the scrutiny work programme throughout the year; the Chairman assured members that the work programme came before members to each scheduled overview and scrutiny meeting.

Councillor Longton suggested that the Youth Anti-Social Behaviour Task Group scoping document be amended to include an understanding of the causes of anti-social behaviour in the aims of review/terms of reference section of the scope, which members supported.

It was **agreed**

- i. That the a task group be set up on Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB),
- ii. That the report be noted.

#### **Annex - 28 February 2022 Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting**

The link to the Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire 2021 – 2025 can be found [HERE](#).

The meeting started at 6.02 pm and finished at 7.21 pm.

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| Report of:                                | Meeting                         | Date          |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Clare James, Corporate Director Resources | Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 25 April 2022 |

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| <b>Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/2023 – update and planning report</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee about the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

## 3. Current and completed work

### 3.1 Review of District Enforcement Pilot Task Group

The final report of the District Enforcement Pilot task group went to Cabinet at their Wednesday 23 March 2022 meeting for consideration. At that meeting, Cabinet agreed:

- the current programme for educating the young people of the borough on the harmful impact of littering be supported and endorsed (Recommendation 3.4) and that one of the advantages of having District Enforcement was that it enabled the council to go into schools to do this.
- it was a priority of the council's new Communications Plan to continue to interact, inform and educate the residents of Wyre (Recommendation 3.5).

The final report of this task group and the full minutes for the Cabinet meeting can be found on the Wyre Council website here:

<https://wyre.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=1392&Ver=4>

### **3.2 Tackling Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Wyre Task Group**

Members of the Youth ASB Task Group convened their first meeting on Wednesday 30 March 2022. Here, the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder and the Head of Environmental Health and Community Safety attended the meeting to provide some context for the review.

Members agreed to invite Corinne Mason, Manager of Environmental Protection and Community Safety and Shelley Birch, Health Partnerships and Early Action Officer to their next meeting as expert advisors to discuss what activities are available for young people in Wyre who are involved in anti-social behaviour. In addition, they requested that Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer, write to the high schools in Wyre and ask them to answer some questions regarding how they address anti-social behaviour and whether a representative was willing to attend a future meeting of the group.

The date of their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 April at 6 pm in Committee Room 2.

## **4. Work Programme**

### **4.1 Work Programme Workshop**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee attended a Work Programme Workshop on 24 February 2022 to determine possible reviews for the next municipal year (2022/23).

The members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee came to a consensus on the following review topics:

- Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) (as previously agreed) – approx. start date March 2022
- Tourism Corporate Strategy – approx. start date June 2022 (scope in progress)
- YMCA Contract/Agreement – approx. start date September (dependent on conclusion of the Leisure Provision review)
- Business Plan (extra Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting with a single item agenda) – possible date 5 December 2022
- Climate Change Progress – approx. start date January/February 2023

A reminder that all Elected Members are invited to make suggestions about potential review topics for inclusion in the Programme. Suggestions should be strategic in focus and linked to the achievement of the Council's Business Plan. A special decision-making tool has been designed to help the committee and other members determine whether suggestions meet the minimum criteria and this can be found here:

[https://wyregovuk.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/DemocraticServices/EbfRzt4e\\_o5A](https://wyregovuk.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/DemocraticServices/EbfRzt4e_o5A)



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**4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022/23 is attached at Appendix 1.**

You will find the layout of the Work Programme has been updated to make it a clearer and more engaging for readers.

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**Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23:**

| <b>Committee Meetings</b> |                            |  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>2022</b>               |                            |  |
| <b>Date</b>               | <b>Theme</b>               | <b>Agenda items</b>  |
| Monday 6 June at 6pm      | Update and review          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Chair for the municipal year 2022/23</li> <li>• Election of Vice Chair for the municipal year 2022/23</li> <li>• An update on Covid-19 response – learning to live with the virus</li> <li>• Business Review of the implementations of the recommendations of the Residents Parking Permit Scheme Task Group report</li> <li>• Business Plan 2021/22, Quarterly Performance Statement (Quarter 4: January – March)</li> <li>• O&amp;S Work Programme 2022/23 – update and planning</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited attendees:</b> Councillor David Henderson (Leader of the Council) and Garry Payne (Chief Executive).<br/>Carl Green (Head of Engineering Services) and Councillor Roger Berry (Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder).</p> |
| Monday 18 July at 6pm     | Health and Wellbeing theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual update regarding the work of the Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee</li> <li>• Annual update from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Health and Care System</li> <li>• O&amp;S Work Programme 2022/23 – update</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited attendees:</b> Councillor Julia Robinson (Co-opted Member of the Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee).<br/>Beth Goodman (Deputy Director of Commissioning) and Dr Hartley-Smith (Clinical Director).</p>   |
| Monday 5 September at 6pm | Update and review          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the implementations of the recommendations of the Citizens Advice Lancashire West Task Group – one year on</li> <li>• Business Plan 2022/23, Quarterly Performance Statement (Quarter 1: April – June)</li> <li>• O&amp;S Work Programme 2022/23 – update</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited attendees:</b> Marianne Hesketh (Corporate Director Communities) and Councillor Michael Vincent (Resources Portfolio Holder).</p>  |

| <b>Committee Meetings</b>                                 |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Monday 17<br>October at 6pm                               | Update and review   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>O&amp;S Work Programme 2022/23 – update</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited attendees:</b> None.</p>  |
| Monday 21<br>November at 6pm                              | Resources and Finance theme                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fees and Charges - draft</li> <li>Cost profiles - benchmarking results 2022/23 (to be confirmed)</li> <li>Business Plan 2022/23, Quarterly Performance Statement (Quarter 2: July – September)</li> <li>O&amp;S Work Programme 2022/23 – update</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited attendees:</b> Councillor Michael Vincent (Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader) and Clare James (Corporate Director Resources, Section 151 Officer).</p>   |
| Monday 5<br>December at 6 pm                              | Extra meeting: Review of the Business Plan (single item agenda) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Business Plan 2023/24</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited attendees:</b> to be confirmed.</p>   |
| <b>2023</b>   |   |   |
| Monday 16<br>January at 6pm                               | Corporate theme   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business Plan 2023/24</li> <li>Planned Maintenance and Investment Projects Schedule - 2023/24</li> <li>Review of the implementations of the recommendations of the Tourism Recovery in Wyre Task Group – one year on</li> <li>O&amp;S Work Programme 2022/23 – update</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited attendees:</b> Councillor David Henderson (Leader of the Council), Garry Payne (Chief Executive) and Marianne Hesketh (Corporate Director Communities).<br/>Councillor Bowen (Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder).<br/>Maria Blundy (Head of Build Environment).</p> |
| Provisional save the date<br>Tuesday 7<br>February at 2pm | Work Programme Workshop 2023/24                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop to agree topics for review for the 2023/24 Municipal Year</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited attendees:</b> The Corporate Management Team (CMT) and the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>   |
| Monday 27<br>February at 6pm                              | Police and Community Safety theme                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wyre Community Safety Partnership – annual scrutiny review</li> <li>Business Plan 2022/23, Quarterly Performance Statement (Quarter 3: October – December)</li> <li>O&amp;S Work Programme 2022/23 – update</li> </ul>   |

| Committee Meetings     |                                    |   |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|                        |                                    | <b>Invited attendees:</b> Martin Wyatt (Wyre Neighbourhood Inspector), Neil Greenwood (Head of Environmental Health & Community Safety), and Councillor Roger Berry (Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder). |
| Monday 24 April at 6pm | Work Programme planning and review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O&amp;S Work Programme 2022/23 – update</li> <li>• O&amp;S Work Programme 2023/24 – planning</li> </ul> <b>Invited attendees:</b> none.  |

| Task Group Reviews                        |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Current reviews:</b>                   |   |  |
| Date                                      | Topic   | Status   |
| March 2022                                | Tackling Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Wyre          | On-going   |
| <b>Paused work:</b>                       |   |  |
| Date                                      | Topic   | Status   |
| 2019                                      | Poulton to Fleetwood Link                                   | Paused – waiting on feasibility study outcomes     |
| <b>Future review focuses for 2022/23:</b> |   |  |
| Proposed start date                       | Topic   | Status   |
| June 2022                                 | Tourism Strategy – review of the tourism corporate strategy | Agreed at the Work Programme Workshop (24.02.2022) |
| September 2022                            | YMCA Contract/Agreement                                     | Agreed at the Work Programme Workshop (24.02.2022) |
| December 2022                             | Business Plan (single item review in committee)             | Agreed at the Work Programme Workshop (24.02.2022) |
| February 2023                             | Climate Change Progress                                     | Agreed at the Work Programme Workshop (24.02.2022) |
| <b>Looking further ahead:</b>             |   |  |
| Date                                      | Topic   | Status   |
| Late 2023                                 | Business Model of Wyre's Theatres                           | Agreed at the Work Programme Workshop (24.02.2022) |

| Task Group Reviews |                   |  |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| Late 2023          | Commercialisation | Agreed at the Work Programme Workshop (24.02.2022) |

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