

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Monday, 19 June 2017 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee members present:

Councillors Ian Amos, Rita Amos, Emma Anderton, Emma Ellison, John Hodgkinson, John Ibison, Kerry Jones, Patsy Ormrod, Julie Robinson, Christine Smith, Matthew Vincent and Michael Vincent

Officers present:

Peter Foulsham, Scrutiny Officer

OS.1 Election of Chairman

Councillor Michael Vincent was elected Chairman of the committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.

OS.2 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Kerry Jones was elected Vice Chairman of the committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.

OS.3 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Birch and Fail.

OS.4 Declarations of interest

None.

OS.5 Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 10 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

OS.6 Performance - the Council's Business Plan 2016-17

Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation, submitted a report, the 4th Quarter Performance Statement 2016/2017, January to March 2017.

The Chairman referred briefly to the on-going delays in the preparation of the draft Local Plan and to a 6% decrease in the reported satisfaction with parks and open spaces, the latter falling within the scope of the Life in Wyre task group.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

OS.7 Local Plan

Rea Psillidou, Planning Policy and Economic Development Manager, submitted a report updating the committee on the progress of the Local Plan.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

OS.8 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2017-18

The Chairman, Councillor Michael Vincent, introduced a number of proposals about potential task group topics for the coming year. He reminded members that two task groups were already in process; one on Waste and Recycling Collection Services was likely to be in a position to report to the committee in September, then to Cabinet in October, and one on the Life in Wyre resident survey would hold its second meeting on Thursday 13 July.

Councillor Shaun Turner had proposed that a task group be commissioned to consider aspects of digital transformation, a suggestion that was supported by the committee.

Further task groups were agreed to review (i) the way in which the issues of children and young people are reflected in the council's Business Plan, and (ii) maximising the council's return from its assets.

The committee agreed that the Marine Hall and the Fleetwood to Knott End ferry should be excluded from the review of the council's return from its assets as they had been the subject of scrutiny reviews in the recent past.

Councillor Robinson updated councillors about a recent meeting with Kate Hurry, the Fylde and Wyre CCG's Head of Communications, Engagement and Development, at which Ms Hurry outlined a number of significant changes that were being actioned or were planned.

Councillors had recently received a letter from the Fylde and Wyre CCG which informed them that GP practices in Garstang and Great Eccleston had requested to become part of the Fylde and Wyre CCG. Comments about the proposal were to be welcomed.

Ms Hurry and a colleague would be invited to attend the committee meeting on Monday 11 September 2017 to update councillors about health and social care developments across the Fylde Coast.

RESOLVED that

- (i) A report and draft scoping document on digital transformation be considered by the committee at the meeting on 31 July 2017.
- (ii) A report and draft scoping document on children and young people's issues be considered by the committee at the meeting on 31 July 2017.
- (iii) A report and draft scoping document on maximising the return from the council's assets be considered by the committee at the meeting on 6 November 2017, with a view to commencing a task group review in January 2018.
- (iv) Representatives of the Fylde and Wyre CCG be invited to attend the meeting on 11 September 2017 to update the committee about on-going and future developments and plans.

OS.9 Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the committee be held at 6pm on 31 July 2017 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.19 pm.