



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Monday, 7 June 2021 in the Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde

Overview and Scrutiny Committee members present:

Councillors Matthew Vincent, Sir R Atkins, Le Marinel, I Amos, R Amos, Ballard, Fail, Longton, Minto and O'Neill

Apologies for absence:

Councillors Ibison, E Ellison and Leech

Officer present:

Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

1 Election of Chairman for the municipal year 2021/22

Councillor Ibison was elected as the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2021/22.

2 Election of Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2021/22

Councillor Matthew Vincent was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2021/22. In the absence of Councillor Ibison for this meeting, Councillor Matthew Vincent took the Chair.

3 Declarations of interest

None.

4 Confirmation of minutes

It was **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 26 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

5 Planned Maintenance and Investment Project Schedule - 2021/2022

The Head of Built Environment, Maria Blundy, submitted the Planned

Maintenance and Investment Projects Schedule for the 2021/22 period.

Democratic Services Officer, Marianne Unwin, introduced the report and noted any questions posed by members to which she would provide written answers.

Members asked for clarification on the replacements of distribution boards in the Civic Centre and for more information on Fleetwood Leisure Centre.

6 Business Plan 2020/21, Quarterly Performance Statement (Quarter 4: January - March)

The Corporate Director Communities, Marianne Hesketh, submitted the 4th Quarter Performance Statement 2020/21, January – March 2021 for the consideration of the committee.

The committee noted the report.

7 Update of the District Enforcement Service - 2020/2021

The Democratic Services Officer, Marianne Unwin, gave members a verbal update of the District Enforcement Service over the past year. The Head of Public Realm and Environmental Sustainability had provided the information.

She explained that due to the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic, officers were stood down for much of the year and had been slowly integrated back. Therefore, the figures for enforcement activity and cleanliness over the past 12 months did not reflect the norm.

8 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, provided the committee with a verbal update.

Following discussions, members **agreed** that before restarting the District Enforcement task group, the committee should receive Councillor Bridge's, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder, Executive Report at their next meeting to assist them in a final review of the scoping document.

Members considered the draft 'tourism recovery' scoping document. They expressed the need for such a task group especially in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Some members discussed a variety of tourism topics that they saw as important to look at in more detail, in particular, hotel and B&B rates in the area. Following discussions, the committee **approved** the draft-scoping document with an amendment to the aims of review to include, **"to make recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on specific and focused related topics that might be considered for further scrutiny**

review”. The committee **agreed** to commission a task group on tourism recovery in Wyre.

Councillor Sir R Atkins proposed that the committee might examine the relationship between Lancashire County Council and Wyre Council regarding their involvement in waste collection, disposal and recycling. Members **agreed** to invite Ruth Hunter, Head of Public Realm and Environmental Sustainability, to the next meeting to submit a written report on this matter and to answer questions.

The report was noted.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.53 pm.

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