

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Monday, 24 April 2023 at the Committee Room 2 - Civic Centre.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee members present:

Councillors I Amos, Sir R Atkins, Cartridge, Fail, Ibison, Kay, Le Marinel, Longton, O'Neill and Webster

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Ballard

Failed to attend or tender apologies for absence

Councillors E Ellison, Minto and Matthew Vincent

Officers present:

Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager (Temporary)
Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

43 Declarations of interest

None.

44 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 27 February 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

45 Planned Maintenance and Capital Investment Schedule - 2023/24

The Corporate Director Communities, Marianne Hesketh, submitted a report that updated members of the Planned Maintenance and Investment Projects Schedule for the 2023/24 period.

Marianne Hesketh introduced the schedule. She advised the committee that this was an annual report to members, which gave a flavour of the prioritised works that were planned.

In response to a question regarding energy efficiencies, Marianne reassured

members that energy efficiencies were taken into account when work was being carried out. She gave the example of the PIR lighting improvements at the Civic Centre. With regards to the leisure centres, she explained that the council was considering commissioning a consultant to conduct an additional review to look at the energy efficiencies of Wyre's leisure centres.

In response to a question, Marianne explained that building condition surveys should ideally be conducted every five years. She clarified that the council's contract with the YMCA meant that for any maintenance work at the leisure centres that cost less than £5000, the YMCA provided funding.

Members welcomed the progress of the redecoration of the rooms on the civic corridor at the Civic Centre, in particular the Member's Lounge.

Marianne Hesketh responded to additional questions regarding, leases for accommodation within the Civic Centre to the NHS and the maintenance prioritisation process. She confirmed that PYCC stood for Poulton Youth Community Centre and that Croft Court, light industrial units, were situated on Butts Close in Thornton-Cleveleys.

Following discussions about asset management, Marianne informed members that the council was legally required to publish a register of its assets. This register was publicly available on the Wyre Council website [here](#). Marianne also suggested that once a draft of the Asset Management Strategy was completed, it would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration. The Chairman welcomed this suggestion.

Following discussions, the schedule was noted.

The Chairman thanked Marianne Hesketh for her attendance and contributions.

46 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2023/24 – update and planning report

The Corporate Director Resources, Clare James, submitted a report updating the committee about the delivery of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2023/24. The Democratic Services Officer, Marianne Unwin, provided a verbal update to the committee.

The report was noted.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.20 pm.

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