

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present:

Councillors Bullivant (Chairman), D Cox, H Cox, Evans, Gribble, Hayes, Keeling, Morgan, Mullone, Nuttall, Nutley, J Petherick, Parker-Khan, Thorne and Tume

Members in Attendance:

Councillors G Hook and Taylor

Apologies:

Councillors Austen, Cook, Daws, Eden, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hocking, Jenks, Orme, Patch, Parker, L Petherick, Purser, Peart and Rollason

Officers in Attendance:

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

68. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Nominations were proposed as follows:

- Councillor D Cox – proposed by Councillor Keeling and seconded by Councillor Hayes.
- Councillor Patch – proposed by Councillor Mullone and seconded by Councillor Parker-Khan.

The voting was as follows:

Councillor Cox – 9 votes for.

Councillor Patch – 4 votes for, and 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED - Councillor D Cox is elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the remainder of the current municipal year.

69. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70. STRATA - JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Strata Joint Executive Committee were received and noted.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

72. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY) UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 5.8(H)

None.

73. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (IF ANY) UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 5.8(I)

None.

74. EXECUTIVE DECISION CALL-INS

None.

75. FAIRTRADE

Consideration was given to the report circulated with the agenda. Councillor G Hook, the Leader of the Council and original mover of the Notice of Motion at the Council meeting on 18 April 2019, apprised the meeting of the potential quality of life improvements for the growers of Fairtrade foods and their families.

The approved Notice of Motion requires the Council to contribute to the Fairtrade campaign to increase sales of products with the Fairtrade Mark by supporting the campaign to achieve Fairtrade status for Teignbridge as detailed in the Fairtrade Foundation's Fairtrade Town Action Guide. The criteria of the Action Guide was detailed in the report, means of working towards and achieving the goals of the criteria, and implications for the Council.

The potential conflict with the Council's Climate Emergency Status was noted. It was agreed that where a conflict arises, Climate Emergency should take precedence, such as locally produced sustainable products being sought.

RESOLVED

The current actions being undertaken to promote Fairtrade are noted.

RECOMMENDED

The following be recommended to the Executive:

1. The recommended approaches as set out within Section 3 of the report circulated with the agenda are endorsed, subject to an amendment that when an approach is in conflict with Climate Emergency, the latter takes precedence.
2. Councillor Patch be invited to be the lead Councillor to Chair the Fairtrade Steering Group.

76. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Committee noted the Executive Forward Plan.

77. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee Work Programme circulated with the agenda was received and an update noted.

CLLR P BULLIVANT
Chairman