

# **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1**

**TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023**

Present:

Councillors Atkins, Buscombe, D Cox, Hayes, Henderson, Mullone, Palethorpe, Parrott, Sanders, J Taylor and Thorne

Members in attendance:

Councillors Hook, Nuttall and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors James and Ryan

Officers in Attendance:

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Chris Braines, Waste & Cleansing Manager

Amanda Pujol, Head of Community Services and Improvement

Phil Shears, Managing Director

## **20. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Cllr Sanders proposed that Cllr Palethorpe be elected Chair for the 2023/24 municipal year. This was seconded by Cllr Parrott.

Cllr Mullone proposed that Cllr J Taylor be elected Chair for the 2023/23 municipal year. This was seconded by Cllr Atkins.

Cllr Palethorpe and Cllr J Taylor left the room while the vote was taken.

The vote was Cllr Palethorpe - 7 votes and Cllr J Taylor - 2 votes

RESOLVED

Cllr Palethorpe be elected Chair for the 2023/23 municipal year.

## **21. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Cllr Sanders proposed that Cllr Parrott be elected Vice Chair for the 2023/24 municipal year. This was seconded by Cllr D Cox.

Cllr Mullone proposed that Cllr J Taylor be elected Vice Chair for the 2023/23 municipal year. This was seconded by Cllr Atkins.

Cllr J Taylor and Cllr Parrott left the meeting while the vote was taken.

The vote was Cllr Parrott – 5 votes and Cllr J Taylor - 3 votes.

RESOLVED

Cllr Parrott be elected Vice Chair for the 2023/23 municipal year.

**22. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor D Cox, seconded by Councillor Sanders and

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**23. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Cox declared an interest in Minute 29 below by virtue of his role as Chair of the HITS charity and volunteer.

**24. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None.

**25. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

None.

**26. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

The Executive forward plan listing items to be considered over the next few months was noted, and consideration was given to whether any items were to be requested to come forward to the Committee prior to being considered by the Executive.

**27. WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee's work programme as circulated with the agenda was noted and consideration was given to whether any items were to be added to the programme. The Chair referred to the Councillors proposal form included with the agenda to be completed by members if they wish an item to be considered.

**28. FEEDBACK ON TASK AND FINISH GROUPS**

Interest for membership of the medium term financial plan task and finish group was sought. This group was recommended by the O&S 1 and 2 Committees before the elections to address the budgetary position and deliver savings. This

would involve reviewing the budget and coming up with recommendations to reduce the deficit, comparisons with the private sector and investing to save or generate more income.

The Chair asked Councillors to express an interest in sitting on this group by 1 July 2023.

**29. COUNCIL STRATEGY Q4 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT**

The Chair referred to the agenda reports covering the period quarter 4 from January to April 2023 which updated performance of the Council's Strategy 2020-2030 T10 priorities, under the auspices of the Committee. Details of the programmes, projects and performance indicators with a caution or concern status together with an explanation of the performance and improvement plan was detailed in the appendix of the agenda report.

In response to a question regarding performance figures for the provision of homes at agenda page 25 and buying existing houses for sale instead of building new, the Leader advised that existing houses have been purchased and others built under the T100 programme, working along side housing associations and several factors were taken into account to provide homes in the most viable manner.

**RESOLVED**

The report be received, and actions being taken to rectify any performance issues detailed in the agenda report appendix be noted.

**30. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**31. CALL IN-EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT BALER AT THE COUNCIL'S RECYCLING BULKING STATION**

The agenda circulated Executive member decision of April 2023 relating to the purchase of a replacement baler at the Council's recycling bulking station was called in by Councillor MacGregor and supported by Councillors Bradford, Mullone, Daws and former Councillor Eden.

The Chair referred to the process for call in as set out in the Constitution, Section 8(b) and detailed in the agenda.

The reason for call in was set out in the agenda. Councillor MacGregor added that the equipment should future proof the service and take into account any changes to government policy or the council's strategy which would increase recycling rates.

The waste and cleansing manager expanded on the background information of the agenda report emphasising the required competitive procurement process that would be undertaken prior to purchase to ensure value for money, and any changes to policy.

The Executive Member for recycling, household waste and environmental health added that the equipment would maximise income and reduce health and safety risks.

It was proposed by Councillor Parrott, seconded by Councillor Sanders and unanimously,

**RESOLVED**

The decision is not challenged and be implemented in accordance with the Executive Member's original decision.

CLLR D PALETHORPE  
Chairman