

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1 (UNTIL MAY 2024)

TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024

Present:

Councillors Parrott (Chair), Buscombe, Hayes, Ryan and J Taylor

Members Attendance:

Councillors Hook, Jackman, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Williams, Henderson, Sanders and Thorne

Officers in Attendance:

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Rebecca Hewitt, Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager

Amanda Pujol, Head of Community Services and Improvement

Raine Tudor-Williams, Democratic Services Administration Assistant

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

20. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Buscombe, seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2024 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair

21. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

22. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None

23. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None

24. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS BIENNIAL REPORTS

a) It was reported that Cllr Nuttall's update on Recycling, Household Waste & Environmental Health is being deferred until the meeting on 28 May 2024. A question was raised on whether it was appropriate to defer this report and following a show of hands this was agreed.

b) Cllr Goodman Bradbury was invited to update the Committee on the Homes and Communities Portfolio.

The presentation contained details on the following:

- Homeless and Rough Sleepers
- Number of Households on the Devon Homes Choice register increasing across 1 – 4 bed accommodation with the supply insufficient for demand. There is a particular need for one-bedroom accommodation and perhaps more surprisingly for larger 4 bedroom homes. The key statistic is that there are only 17 one bed homes available for the 551 households that need one
- There are new and emerging needs for Refugees and Asylum seekers and Teignbridge has the highest number of Care Leavers and those with a disability in Devon
- There is an increase in older population and the number of people requiring adaptations
- Housing conditions are relatively poor and it is estimated that to bring all of the Category 1 properties up to standard, and therefore available for use, would cost £44m
- Meeting rural Housing Need. Up to a quarter of housing need is in a rural area including within Dartmoor National Park. Pictures were shown of recent schemes with 28 rental, shared ownership or intermediate properties completed in Denbury and Christow with our partners, Teign Housing
- Collaborative working to meet the challenges is ongoing and there is a need to do more.

Full details can be seen in the presentation which can be viewed at the link below

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Cllr Hayes proposed that the update be noted, this was seconded by Cllr Buscombe and agreed unanimously by a show of hands

25. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Executive Forward Plan listing items to be considered over the next few months was noted. There were no comments or questions raised by members of the committee or by Members of the Executive

26. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee's work programme circulated with the Agenda was noted.

The Executive member biannual update for Recycling, Household Waste & Environmental Health from Cllr Nuttall will be deferred until the meeting to be held on 28 May 2024

27. SOUTH DEVON AND DARTMOOR COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REVIEW

Rebecca Hewitt, the Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager was welcomed to the meeting to talk through the report which was included as part of the Agenda pack.

Questions included the requesting of information about targets and assurances were received that the Local Delivery Plan containing RAG ratings were provided to the Community Safety Partnership on a quarterly basis.

Full details can be viewed at the link below

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It was proposed by Cllr Buscombe, seconded by Cllr Hayes and unanimously

RESOLVED to note the report and to provide any questions to be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership Meeting by 18 April 2024

28. COUNCIL STRATEGY Q3 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

The Leader was invited to present the reports covering the period quarter 3 (1 October – 31 December 2023) which updated performance of the Council's Strategy 2020 - 2030 T10 priorities, under the auspices of the Committee, providing the detailed performance information used to track its delivery.

Members reviewed the performance information and areas where performance was not on track. 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.

8 of the T10 programmes are on track and the remaining two (A roof over our heads and Going to Town) are reported with a caution status.

It was proposed by Cllr Buscombe, seconded by Cllr Hayes and unanimously

RESOLVED to note the report and the actions being taken to rectify performance issues detailed in Appendix A

29. FEEDBACK ON TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

Medium Term Financial Plan Task & Finish Group

Cllr Parrott, as vice-chair reported on the recent work of the group which included receiving a presentation on the Modern 25 programme.

The early work of the group had focussed on work relating to the 2024/25 budget and were now developing the work plan to consider areas for review that could influence future budgets including statutory and discretionary service areas

It was proposed by Cllr Buscombe, seconded by Cllr Hayes and RESOLVED to accept the verbal update by a show of hands

CLLR J PARROTT
Chair