

4 December 2023

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

Overview and scrutiny of:
Corporate Resources
Planning
Estates, Assets and Parking
Sport, Recreation and Resorts

A meeting of the **Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2** will be held on **Tuesday, 12th December, 2023** at **10.00 am** in the **Council Chamber, Forde House Offices, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX**

PHIL SHEARS
Managing Director

Membership:

Councillors Bullivant, Buscombe (Vice-Chair), Hall, Hayes, Henderson, Palethorpe, C Parker, P Parker, Parrott, Peart, Purser, Rollason and Sanders (Chair)

Please Note: The public can view the live streaming of the meeting at [Teignbridge District Council Webcasting](https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/webcasting) (public-i.tv) with the exception where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the press and public.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2023
3. **Declaration of Interest**
4. **Public Questions (if any)**
Members of the public may ask questions in accordance with procedural rules. A maximum period of 15 minutes will be allowed with a maximum period of three

minutes per questioner. The deadline for questions is no later than three working days before the date of the meeting.

5. **Councillor Questions (if any)**

Members of the Council may ask questions of the Chair of the Committee subject to procedural rules. The deadline for questions is no later than three clear working days before the meeting.

6. **Executive Forward Plan**

To note forthcoming issues anticipated to be considered by the Executive over the next 12 months. The Executive Forward Plan can be found [here](#).

7. **Work Programme**

(Pages 9 - 14)

To review the Committee's work programme attached

8. **Call-in Update on Future High Street Fund**

(Pages 15 - 24)

To consider the following call-in.

Councillor Bullivant has called in the decision made at the October 31st Executive Meeting on the future high street fund. The call-in is supported by Councillors Atkins, Peart, Purser, Rogers, Smith, Thorne

This call in is made for the following reasons

1. The decisions made exceeds the powers delegated by the councils financial regulations
2. The use of funds do not represent good value given the risks identified by officers
3. The proposed action has previously been rejected by Full Council
4. As the amendment was introduced on the day of the executive meeting without prior notification the Proposed amendment did not allow sufficient time to allow proper evaluation
5. The Executive powers to spend without full council approval relates to spending on emergency items. This issue is not an emergency issue therefore fails to meet this important requirement
6. Task groups established to address the critical financial problems facing the council has specified that all council spending should be subject to justification including details of how any costs are to be paid for without using council reserves or already identified savings, a member of the executive is aware of this as he took part in the cross party discussions. This decision fails to meet this requirement.

The Executive Minute and decision called in is:

77. UPDATE ON FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND

The Leader presented the update on the Future High Street Fund report.

He proposed an alternative recommendation to the published report as follows:-

- 1) To progress submitting a planning application for the demolition part that was in the previous original cinema planning application for the area between the Alexander Theatre and the Market Hall excluding the Shauls Bakery and New Look buildings;*
- 2) The Executive puts forward up to £70,000 of the Executive budget towards investigating the options as described 5.5.1 and 5.5.3 (of the circulated report) combined comprising a whole building solution with the restoration of the Alexander Theatre and the refurbishment of the Market Hall side of the building; and*
- 3) Recommend to Full Council to look at the output of the above and to determine the future direction and to make the final decision on where this project goes.*

*This was seconded by the Executive Member for Planning.
Non-Executive Members spoke on this item.*

RESOLVED to approve:-

- 1) To progress to submit a planning application for the demolition part that was previously within the cinema planning application for the structure between the Alexandra Theatre and the Market Hall excluding the Shauls Bakery and New Look buildings;*
- 2) The Executive puts forward up to £70,000 of the Executive budget towards investigating the options as described in sections 5.5.1 and 5.5.3 of the circulated report combined comprising a whole building solution with the restoration of the Alexandra Theatre and the refurbishment of the Market Hall side of the building; and*

RECOMMENDED to Full Council:-

- 3) To look at the output of the above and to determine the future direction and to make the final decision on where this project goes.*

The vote was unanimous.

The Executive 31 October 2023 agenda report is appended.

The process for call-in at an overview and scrutiny meeting is set out below:

- The call-in will be determined by a two-phase provision.
Firstly, an initial information gathering and questioning: secondly a debate and decision.
- The Chair will briefly introduce the item and begin the information gathering and questioning phase. The mover of the call-in will be invited to speak on the call-in and to propose the action they wish to be taken. At this stage the scrutiny committee Members may question the mover of the call-in.
- The Executive Member(s) and/or officers in attendance for the call-in will then address the call-in scrutiny committee Members who will then ask questions.
- Following this information and questioning phase, the Chair will open up the debate to all scrutiny committee Members.

- Following debate the Chair shall invite any Executive Member in attendance to respond to the issues raised during the debate of the call-in prior to inviting the first named person on the call in to make a concluding statement and propose a recommendation for the Committee to consider.
- The committee will then make a decision on the item which could be:
 - (a) the decision should not be challenged and that it will then be implemented in accordance with the Executive's original decision, or
 - (b) a different course of action can be recommended for the Executive to consider with any available supporting evidence, or
 - (c) the matter should be referred to the full Council if it is a matter of significance for the whole district (this will only apply in exceptional circumstances).

9. **Business rates discretionary rate relief policy-council tax reduction scheme**

To consider the attached report

10. **Executive Member Biannual Update**

To receive an update from the Deputy Leader Councillor Keeling-corporate resources

11. **Feedback on Task and Finish Groups**

(Pages 25 - 48)

To consider the attached reports from the following task and finish groups: mid term financial plan, rent subsidy and car parking.

12. **Council Strategy Q2 performance monitoring report**

(Pages 49 - 66)

To consider the report attached.

13. **Exclusion of the press and public**

It is considered that the Committee would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during consideration of the items on this agenda, but if it should wish to do so, the following resolution should be passed:-

RECOMMENDED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the particular item(s) on the grounds that it involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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