

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2024

Present:

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

Members in Attendance:

Councillors Goodman-Bradbury, Nutley, Palethorpe, G Taylor and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors P Parker and Rollason, and Executive Members Keeling and Nuttall.

Officers in Attendance:

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Raine Tudor-Williams, Democratic Services Administration Assistant

Jack Williams, Performance Data Analyst

19. MINUTES

It was unanimously,

RESOLVED

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

20. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

21. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

22. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

None.

23. 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. There were no requests for items to come forward to the Committee.

24. WORK PROGRAMME

The committee's work programme as circulated with the agenda showing issues to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the next few months was noted.

The Chair advised that the work programme would be amalgamated with that of Overview and Scrutiny (OS) 1 Committee, for the one OS Committee going forward from May 2024. Priorities would be reviewed and agreed at a future meeting of the Committee.

25. EXECUTIVE MEMBER BIENNIAL UPDATE

The Executive Member for Open Spaces, Leisure, Sport, Resorts and Tourism, Cllr Nutley presented the biennial update. The update included: conservation volunteer task days; education and learning, noting that Teignbridge Leisure was an approved accredited training centre; green spaces and community engagement; refurbishment of Broadmeadow and Dawlish leisure centres, which includes individual changing and shower units; sports pitches and open spaces play areas; budget consultation 2024; performance indicators and the Dawlish ridgetop SANGS site.

A question relating to the identification in the 2019 Strategic Plan of the requirement for additional swimming lanes and hockey pitches, and how this is to be addressed could not be answered at the meeting. This would be provided in the Members Newsletter.

The full presentation can be viewed at [Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 on Tuesday, 9th April, 2024, 10.00 am - Teignbridge District Council](#)

26. COUNCIL STRATEGY Q3 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

Consideration was given to the agenda report.

In response to questions, it was noted that:

- Current T100 opportunities included 23 houses at Sherbourne Road House car park, and possibilities being investigated for single bed accommodation.
- The Council land at Teignmouth for the NHS health and wellbeing centre is still operating as a car park and providing income for the Council.
- Other ways of boosting the economy of Newton Abbot are being followed up as part of the Future High Street Fund proposals, as detailed at agenda page 21, following the Council decision in January 2024 to abort the cinema project.
- In regard to the budget 2024/25 savings and new methods of working, particularly with opportunities to work with the community, are ongoing.
- The Executive Member for Corporate Resources would be advised of the comment for ongoing change of circumstances checks on the single persons council tax allowance scheme.

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- There has been an increase in the performance targets for decisions on planning applications.
- A devolution documentation pack including forms to complete to request assets to be devolved in accordance with the Council's Strategic Asset Plan was available on the Council's website.

Requested information relating to a timescale for decisions on older planning applications, and how many and percentage of affordable houses being delivered would be provided in the Members Newsletter.

It was unanimously,

RESOLVED

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

27. REFERRAL FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE- NOTICES OF MOTION

The Chair referred to the Notices of Motion (NOM) set out on the agenda, and consideration was given to the recommendations from the Procedures Committee relating to the NOMs.

The NOMs were:

- Loss of Section 106 contributions presented by Cllr J Taylor.
- Green improvements in conservation areas presented by Cllr Mullone
- Public speaking procedure at Planning Committee presented by Cllr P Parker.

It was requested that officers look at:

- scheduling a Councillor informal briefing on the current and forthcoming NOMs relating to Planning Services to assist the new group of overview and scrutiny Members agreeing work priorities.
- scheduling to speed up NOM processing.

It was unanimously,

RESOLVED

Consideration of the NOMs be deferred to the new Overview and Scrutiny Committee and in the meantime officer reports are to be provided for Committee, detailing the procedural, financial, constitutional, and legal implications for each NOM.

28. FEEDBACK ON TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

The Committee received updates from the Chairs of the Medium-Term Financial Plan, and the Car Park task and finish groups as below.

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It was requested that officers look to scheduling a Councillor informal briefing regarding the Estates and Assets service to assist the new group of Overview and Scrutiny Members agreeing work priorities.

The Chair referred to the recommendation of alternative overview and scrutiny work methods to task and finish groups.

Medium term Financial Plan

The Group were meeting on a monthly basis and were looking at several items with regard to efficiency savings such as future work streams and processes, Modern25 programme, and statutory and discretionary processes.

Car Parking Task and Finish Group

The agenda report of the task and finish group and the Operational Car-Parking Plan attached as Appendix B to the agenda report was noted.

It was unanimously,

RECOMMENDED

The Executive be recommended to adopt the Operational Car-Parking Plan attached as Appendix B to the agenda report.

RESOLVED

The Car-Parking Task & Finish Group reconvene to review the items identified in Appendix C of the Agenda report and produce a further report(s) for the Committee's consideration, having regard to relevant external reports and the Local Plan.

The Chair referred to the meeting being the last of Overview and Scrutiny 2 Committee as the committee and Overview and Scrutiny 1 Committee would be returning to one Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 20 Members from May 2024. The Chair thanked Members and officers for their contribution over the past year, particularly those who had contributed to several meetings of task and finish groups. The Committee also thanked the Chair for the work, time and commitment towards the scrutiny role of the Council on behalf of the Committee.

CLLR S SANDERS
Chair