

# **STRATA - JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2026**

Present:

Councillors Palethorpe, Bialyk and Arnott

Apologies:

None

Officers in Attendance:

Steve Mawn, Director of IT and Digital Transformation

Neil Blaney, Director of Place

Christopher Morgan, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

Suzanne Edwards, Strata Finance Manager

Andrew Hopkins, Head of Service, Digital and Data (ECC)

**These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 4 February unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute**

## **7. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

It was proposed by Cllr Arnott, seconded by Cllr Bialyk and

RESOLVED

That Cllr Palethorpe be elected Chair of the Committee for 2025-2026.

## **8. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Arnott, seconded by Cllr Bialyk and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER PROCEDURAL RULES**

None.

**11. QUESTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCILS UNDER PROCEDURE RULES**

None.

**12. AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

It was proposed by Cllr Arnott, seconded by Cllr Bialyk and

**RESOLVED**

That the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference be approved.

**13. STRATA BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGY**

The Director of IT and Digital Transformation introduced the item to the Committee.

He spoke on the successful transformation as evidenced by the reduced calls coming into Strata, MHCLG recognition, the role of enterprise architecture, and costs.

The Committee discussed the impact of Local Government Reorganisation on Strata and budgeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Arnott, seconded by Cllr Bialyk and

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee recommends the Strata Business Plan to be approved by the three partner Councils.

**14. STRATA BUDGET MONITORING AND PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Strata Finance Manager introduced the item to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the projected outturn of £297,000, the budget savings from the EDDC graphics team, and funding for cloud servers.

The Committee noted the report.

The meeting started at 3.30 pm and finished at 4.05 pm.

Cllr David Palethorpe  
Chair