

STRATA - JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2026

Present:

Councillors Olive, Levine, Westerman, Knott, Mitchell, Cookson, Radford (Chair) and K Smith

Members Attendance:

Councillors

Apologies:

Councillors Rogers

Officers in Attendance:

David Sercombe, Head of Business Systems & Business Intelligence

Suzanne Edwards, Strata Finance Manager

Neil Blaney, Director of Place

Steve Mawn, Director of IT and Digital Transformation

Christopher Morgan, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

41. ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was proposed by Cllr Levine and seconded by Cllr Westerman that Cllr Olive be elected Chair of the Committee.

A vote was taken – all were in favour.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Olive be elected Chair of the Committee.

42. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Olive and seconded by Cllr Knott that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

44. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER PROCEDURAL RULES

None.

45. QUESTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCILS UNDER PROCEDURE RULES

None.

46. STRATA BUSINESS PLAN 2026-27

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.

The Committee noted the Strata Business Plan

47. STRATA BUDGET MONITORING AND PERFORMANCE 2025-26

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 2.30 pm and finished at 3.26 pm.

Chairman