

## **AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **3 NOVEMBER 2022**

Present:

Councillors Morgan (Chair), Clarence, Colclough, H Cox and Goodman-Bradbury

Members in Attendance:

Councillors Jeffries

Apologies:

Councillors Rollason, Mullone and Thorne

Officers in Attendance:

Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services

Sue Heath, Audit Manager

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Tony Rose, Auditor – Devon Audit Partnership

Lee Elson, Auditor – Devon Audit Partnership

#### **20. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

#### **21. FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND REPORT**

The Auditor from Devon Audit Partnership introduced the report to the Committee.

The Committee were satisfied with the outcome of the report, which highlighted the positive aspects of the project and provided assurance that sound processes were in place to manage risks and contingencies. The Committee noted that the project's business case highlighted £50 million in economic benefits for Newton Abbot and agreed that communications should reflect the benefits. The cinema was noted to be a key feature of the project and that the final deadline for spending the Future High Street Fund grant is March 2024.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Goodman-Bradbury that the Committee support the recommendations in the report with the amendment that the Stakeholder Management Plan be raised from low to medium priority.

A vote was taken, and the result was unanimously in favour. Councillor Clarence abstained from voting.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and finished at 10.47 am.

Chair  
Cllr Sally Morgan