

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present:

Councillors Palethorpe (Chair), Parrott (Vice-Chair), Buscombe, Hayes, Henderson, Mullone and Sanders

Members in attendance:

Councillors Hook, Keeling, Nuttall and G Taylor

Apologies:

Councillors Atkins, D Cox, James, Ryan, J Taylor, Thorne and Goodman-Bradbury

Officers in Attendance:

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services

Graham Davey, Housing Enabling and Development Manager

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Phil Shears, Managing Director

Jack Williams, Performance Data Analyst

Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council

32. MINUTES

The Chair sought approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

33. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

34. ROLE OF TEIGN HOUSING

The Committee welcomed Jo Reece, the Chief Executive of Teign Housing (TH), who gave a context and background update on TH. Following public and tenant consultation Teignbridge transferred its housing stock to TH in 2004 by way of a large-scale voluntary transfer. TH invested £45m in the properties following transfer. Currently it has funds of £80m a year and provides 75 new homes per annum.

The following was advised in response to questions:

- TH submitted competitive bids for land available through Section 106 planning applications to provide homes.
- The average build cost, for all sized homes, had increased over the last 4 years from £140k to £190k including land.
- Properties would be adapted to meet the EPC-C energy efficiency rating.
- Repairs were undertaken as necessary and in accordance with cyclic repairs programme.
- TH does everything a landlord is expected to do.

All information was available on the TH website.

A list of TH Neighbourhood Managers would be made available to Councillors as requested.

The full discussion can be found at the link below:

[Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023, 10.00 am - Teignbridge District Council](#)

35. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

36. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

None.

37. 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.

Executive member Councillor Keeling referred to the items listed for the next Executive meeting 3 October 2023.

38. COUNCIL STRATEGY Q1 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

The Chair referred to the agenda reports covering the period quarter 1 from April to June 2023 which updated performance of the Council's Strategy 2020- 2030 T10 priorities, under the auspices of the Committee, providing the detailed performance information used to track its delivery. Members reviewed the performance information and areas where performance was not on track. Details of the programmes, projects and performance indicators with a caution or concern status together with an explanation of the performance and improvement plan was detailed in the appendix of the agenda report.

The Chair requested further information to explain performance indicators (PIs) and how they relate to the Council Strategy to enable a greater understanding of the PIs

RESOLVED

- a) The report be received, and actions being taken to rectify any performance issues detailed in the agenda report appendix be noted.
- b) A teams meeting be set up for all Councillors to provide a greater understanding of PIs and how they relate to the Council Strategy.

39. WORK PROGRAMME AND TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

The Chair referred to the Committee's work programme and proposed task and finish groups as listed on the agenda to be added to the work programme as discussed at the Overview & Scrutiny workshop held on Thursday 14 September 23. These were recommended in a priority order: 1 being highest priority and 3 being least priority.

Any reviews across Council services would impact on the work programme and timing of Overview and Scrutiny work.

It is suggested that interim reports be produced as work of Overview and Task & Finish Groups progress. The Committee is reminded that all recommendations for consideration by the Executive may have an impact on the Medium-Term Financial Plan and long term financial stability and viability of the Council.

A review of waste and recycling would be undertaken in the future and Environmental Health - Water Pollution and Resilience would be an external Review.

Members were asked to contact Democratic Services to advise if they would like to be involved in the task and finish groups.

RESOLVED

The priority for the reviews be as follows:

Strategic Directions – Mid Term Financial Plan - priority 1
Communities - Subsidy/CIC - Priority 1
Climate Change Emergency - Decarbonisation - priority 2
Housing & IT - T100 recommendation 3

CLLR D PALETHORPE
Chair