

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1**

**TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2023**

Present:

Councillors Parrott (Chair), Williams (Vice-Chair), Buscombe, Hayes, Henderson, Ryan, Sanders and Thorne

Members Attendance:

Councillors Keeling, Nuttall and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Atkins and J Taylor

Officers in Attendance:

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Amanda Pujol, Head of Community Services and Improvement

Jack Williams, Performance Data Analyst

### **40. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

It was proposed by Cllr Sanders, seconded by Cllr Thorne and unanimously

RESOLVED Cllr Parrot be elected Chair for the current Municipal year.

It was proposed by Cllr Buscombe, seconded by Cllr Torne and unanimously

RESOLVED Cllr Williams be elected Vice Chair for the current Municipal year.

### **41. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

A standard agenda item would be added to future committee agendas from May 2024 entitled "outside organisation updates by the council's nominated Councillor representatives." This would enable the nominees to report on any meetings they have attended since the last meeting of the committee, the role they play in promoting the Council's agenda and communicating partnership discussions.

### **42. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Thorne declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 10 voluntary and community enterprises by virtue of him being a volunteer for Exeter Community Energy. Cllr Thorne did not vote on this agenda item.

**44. PUBLIC QUESTION**

None

**45. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

None.

**46. 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.

**47. WORK PROGRAMME**

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

**48. CONNECTING DEVON AND SOMERSET RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Chair reported Matt Barrow's apology, Devon County's CDS Engagement Officer who was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. The item was deferred to the next meeting.

**49. VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUNDING ANNUAL REVIEW**

The Committee referred to the agenda report which provided an update on the funding the Council provided to the voluntary and community sector and the outcomes this provides for residents in the District. The report also informed where short-term funding would end to voluntary sector organisations as of 31 March 2024 and the impact this may have, to inform budget recommendations for 2024/25.

The Chair welcomed representatives of the voluntary sector to give insight into the community and voluntary service: Sue Wroe, the Chief Executive of Teignbridge Community and Voluntary Service, and Sally Preston and Valerie Jeffery of East Teignbridge Ring and Ride community transport. The representatives presented a snapshot of the work of the voluntary sector and their services in particular.

The full presentations can be viewed at

[Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 on Tuesday, 12th December, 2023, 2.00 pm - Teignbridge District Council](#)

It was proposed by Cllr Sanders, seconded by Cllr Buscombe and

RECOMMENDED The Committee recommends to the Executive that:-

- a) The current direct funding to the groups listed at paragraph 2.2 of the agenda report continue to the same level for 2024/25 subject to budget provision being available, and (b) below.
- b) The funding to Community Connections and Exeter Community Energy as set out at paragraph 2.2 of the agenda report be referred to the Executive for consideration.
- c) A task and finish group be set up to review voluntary sector funding for future years.

**50. EXECUTIVE MEMBER BIENNIAL UPDATE THE LEADER STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

The Leader, Cllr Wrigley updated the committee on his portfolio of strategic direction. One of the current focuses was reviewing the Teignbridge Strategy which was last reviewed in 2020. The document set out the budget, strategies and policies for the Council. The services that the Council delivers, the way in which these are delivered, available budgets and expectations of the community would be considered as part of the review.

The Council would be part of Peer Review in January 2024 and this in conjunction with CfPS (centre for public scrutiny) workshops would direct a review of the council's constitution.

The Leader's full update can be viewed at  
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**51. FEEDBACK ON TASK AND FINISH GROUP MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

Councillor Thorne presented the agenda report.

RESOLVED Consideration of the agenda report be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee and considered in conjunction with the budget papers.

**52. COUNCIL STRATEGY Q2 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT**

The Chair referred to the agenda reports covering the period quarter 2 from July to end September 2023. The report 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

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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.

RESOLVED The report be received, and actions being taken to rectify any performance issues detailed in the agenda report appendix be noted.

CLLR J PARROTT  
Chair