

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2024

Present:

Councillors Sanders (Chair), Atkins, Bullivant, Hall, Henderson, James, Nuttall, Parker, P Parker, Rogers, Steemson and Swain

Members in attendance:

Councillors Keeling, MacGregor, J Taylor and Williams

Apologies:

Councillors Dawson, Hayes, Parrot, Radford and Thorne

Officers in attendance:

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Ian Perry, Planning Team Lead

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Raine Tudor-Williams, Democratic Services Administration Assistant

Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

14. MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Parker declared an interest in Minute 24 as Chair of the Planning Committee.

16. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

17. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

None.

18. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Executive Forward Plan showing issues to be considered over the next few months was noted.

19. SCRUTINY OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS 4 JUNE 2024

The Minutes of the Executive held on 4 June were noted. There were no matters arising.

20. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FORWARD PLAN

The Committee's forward plan showing issues to be considered over the next few months was noted.

21. EXECUTIVE MEMBER BIENNIAL UPDATE

The Executive Member for recycling, household waste and environmental health presented a biennial update to the Committee on services within their portfolio. Staff were thanked for their time in assisting with the update given the Portfolio Holder being recently appointed to the Executive.

The Portfolio Holder particularly referred to:

- Waste and recycling - 53% of waste was currently recycled which placed the Council within the top 12% nationally.
- Waste fleet decarbonisation – the provision of 12 diesel refuse collection vehicles and 20 other electric vehicles. Additional electric refuse vehicle would be available later in the year.
- Producers of packaging being held more responsible for recycling.
- Environmental health and licensing - the additional government requirement for all funeral businesses to be inspected following the recent incident at Hull and East Riding. All Teignbridge business had initially been inspected and all were operating satisfactorily. Funeral business are not currently required to be licensed.
- Fly tipping – 312 incidents were dealt with in the previous year. All were investigated. Fixed penalty notices (FPN) of up to £1,000 were issued where necessary and successful prosecutions for those who did not pay the FPN.

Questions were raised by committee members. Unanswered questions included those issues as summarised below. Responses to unanswered questions would be provided in the Members Newsletter.

- The strategic objectives to improve recycling rates.
- Replacement of the Ashburton recycling aluminium can bin
- TETRA recycling site locations
- The impact of new equipment
- Support for work with school children
- Education stickers for bin sorting

- Recycling of food waste and how black bin waste dealt with
- % of recyclable waste - volume and weight
- Recycling of soft plastic and TETRA packaging

The full presentation can be found at the link below:

[Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 18th June, 2024, 10.00 am - Teignbridge District Council](#)

Councillor Williams left the meeting at this juncture.

22. NOTICES OF MOTION DEFERRED FROM THE LAST MEETING

Consideration was given to the agenda reports regarding Notices of Motion (NOM) deferred from the last meeting to enable the proposers of the NOMs to be present.

a) Loss of Section 106 contributions

Consideration was given to the agenda report.

It was considered that the current planning systems and procedures for dealing with both minor amendments to planning applications, and Section 106 agreements were robust. Material changes to a planning approval required the submission of a planning application. Councillors had the ability to call in planning applications for committee consideration if they considered necessary.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously,

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:

- 1) The current planning systems and procedures for dealing with both minor amendments to planning applications, and Section 106 agreements continue.
- 2) A recap on the above be provided in the next all Councillors planning training.

Cllr J Taylor left the meeting at this juncture.

b) Green Improvements in conservation areas

Consideration was given to the agenda report.

It was noted that the District's conservation areas character statements and management plans were all to be reviewed and climate change implications would be considered as part of the reviews.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously,

RESOLVED

The Notice of Motion be referred to the Planning Task and Finish group identified on the Committee's forward plan's priority list.

c) Public speaking at Planning Committee

Consideration was given to the agenda report which set out the legal implications of amending the public participation scheme in accordance with the Notice of Motion.

It was proposed and seconded that the current public participation scheme continue unchanged for the legal implications set in the agenda report.

Cllr P Parker, the presenter of the NOM being debated, left the meeting at this juncture.

There was also a short adjournment.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that consideration of the Notice of Motion be deferred to enable the presenter of the NOM to be present.

The proposer and seconder of the original motion above withdrew their motion.

A vote was taken on the deferment and it was unanimously

RESOLVED

Consideration of the NOM be deferred to enable the proposer of the NOM to be present.

23. OUTSIDE ORGANISATION UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL'S APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Bullivant updated on the Stover Park Advisory Board and improvement projects for the Park which had been funded by the National lottery. An open day would be held later in the year to which all Cllrs would be invited.

24. REFERRAL FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE - WEBCASTING OF MEETINGS

Consideration was given to the agenda report, relating to two Notices of Motion referred to the Committee from the Procedures Committee.

The report set out details which included those relating to the current publishing platform, data protection considerations and UK GDPR, and legal, finance and resource implications.

It was noted that there was no legal requirement to webcast Council meetings.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:

The current situation with webcasting of meetings continue and the position be reconsidered when the current webcasting contract is due for renewal.

25. FEEDBACK ON TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

An update on the work of the medium-term financial plan task and finish group would be provided at the next meeting.

CLLR S SANDERS
Chair