REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Since the last full Council meeting, the following progress can be reported:

LEISURE REVIEW: On 10th August, at a meeting with officers regarding the Leisure Review, I
was updated on the background and the existing review, and it was established that the
Mechanical and Electrical Survey, Energy Audits and the Options Review would be completed
by the end of the year.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to meet on 14th September, where it was due to consider the appointment of a Task and Finish Group for the Leisure Review. However, it remained inquorate and could not proceed. At the time of writing, a new date for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting is being sought. It was also noted that, while the Council has requested a report from this group by December, the timing of the three ongoing reports means that meeting this request will be increasingly challenging.

• DOMESTIC INSULATION: After it had been previously agreed that a Task and Finish Group on Domestic Insulation should comprise of the entire Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this group met on 10th August. Presentations were made by Stuart Winterbottom of RHEA Projects, Sarah Whitwell and Peter Blackburn. We were fully appraised on all the initiatives and grants currently in use by the Council. The group was satisfied that Pendle has identified all funding streams available to its residents and will continue to make full use of them, and therefore the work of this Task and Finish Group was completed and no further meetings were necessary.

Councillor Chris Church, Chairman 18th September, 2023