MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL ON 15^{TH} JUNE, 2023

PRESENT-

Councillors

M. Adnan C. Church M. Stone M. Strickland Y. Tennant

Officers in attendance

Rose RouseChief ExecutiveLynne RowlandCommittee Administrator

1.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Due to an unavoidable delay, Councillor C. Church, the Chair of the Committee was absent at the start of the meeting. The Committee was therefore asked to appoint a Chair for this meeting only.

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Strickland be appointed as Chair for this meeting only.

Councillor M. Strickland – (In the Chair)

2.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

3.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

4. THE ROLE OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

The Chief Executive gave a presentation on the role of overview and scrutiny. It was explained that, to be effective, it was important for the Committee to decide on where to focus and to prioritise its work. Members were provided with examples of good reasons to select or reject a topic for review and questions to ask when considering a topic. There were several ways in which topics could be scrutinised.

The presentation was concluded with an explanation of the Council's call-in procedure.

Following the presentation, the Chief Executive answered questions from the Committee.

2023/24 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee was asked to agree a programme of work for the forthcoming year.

At the request of Annual Council the Committee considered whether to convene Task and Finish Groups to undertake reviews of the following –

- The options open to the Council to improve domestic insulation in Pendle and possible funding opportunities
- Issues surrounding Primary Health Care

The Committee also considered how best to carry out its role as the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee.

Councillor C. Church arrived during consideration of this item. It was therefore agreed that he take the Chair.

Councillor C. Church – (In the Chair)

RESOLVED

That a 2023/24 work programme be drafted to include the following -

- A review on the options open to the Council to improve domestic insulation in Pendle and possible funding opportunities. This to be carried out by a Task and Finish Group of all Overview and Scrutiny Committee members and the outcome reported to the next meeting of this Committee.
- September meeting An invitation to a representative of the Integrated Care System / Place Based Partnership to provide information on Primary Care. Members to then consider whether to progress with a review.
- September meeting A further discussion on how best to carry out the Committee's role as the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee.
- Reports as required throughout the year on performance and finance issues.
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EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Executive Forward Plan which had been published on 1st June, 2023 was submitted for consideration.

The Committee was interested in adding value to the Leisure Review, scheduled for consideration at the July 2023 meeting of the Executive.

RESOLVED

That the Chair of this Committee be asked to advise the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council of this Committee's interest in adding value to the Leisure Review; its willingness to undertake a piece of work to look at the proposals, the financial implications and the reasons behind the review, and report back to the next meeting of this Committee.

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