

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL  
ON 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

*PRESENT –*

*Councillor C. Church (Chair)*

**Councillors**

*M. Adnan  
D. Cockburn-Price  
D. Gallear  
Y. Iqbal  
K. McGladdery  
M. Stone*

**Also in attendance**

*Councillor A. Sutcliffe*

**Officers in attendance**

<i>Phillip Spurr</i>	<i>Director of Place</i>
<i>Sarah Astin-Wood</i>	<i>Head of Policy and Commissioning</i>
<i>Jane Watson</i>	<i>Democratic Services Manager</i>
<i>Cath Buckley</i>	<i>Centre for Governance and Scrutiny</i>

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Strickland and Y. Tennant)*

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**7. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**9. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**10.**

**PROPOSED REVIEWS**

**Strategic Leisure Review**

At the request of the Executive, the Committee was asked to consider convening a Task and Finish Group 'to examine how the three leisure facilities in Colne, Nelson and West Craven could be made to be financially viable through retrofitting and renewal; to consider the mix of features taking affordability into account; and to consider operating models for the future taking account of what was needed to ensure delivery of requirements for each leisure facility.'

The Committee were advised that there had been three leisure reviews carried out in recent years.

During discussion it was reported that a team of consultants, led by Alliance Leisure, had been engaged to work on the review with the same remit as proposed by the Executive. As part of the review the team would be consulting with Town and Parish Councils, Members and users of the three leisure facilities. Reports were awaited on the Mechanical and Electrical services and the Energy Audit.

There was a view that the review the Executive had asked this Committee to undertake was already being done by the consultants and therefore it was felt that a Task and Finish Group would not add value. There was also a view of dissatisfaction from some Members that the Committee had been asked to review a decision which had already been made.

Once the three reports had been received it was suggested that these reports be reviewed and compared with the results of the most recent feasibility study carried out by KKP. It was acknowledged that the objectives were different, but the results would provide information on various options for consideration.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That a Task and Finish Group not be established.
- (2) That the results of the Mechanical and Electrical services report, the Energy Audit report and the review from Alliance Leisure be submitted to this Committee to review and compare these with the KKP feasibility study before making recommendations to the Executive.

**11.**

**REVIEW ON DOMESTIC INSULTATION IN PENDLE**

Minutes of the Task and Finish Group meeting on Domestic Insulation in Pendle, held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the minutes of the Task and Finish Group meeting on Domestic Insulation in Pendle, held on 10th August 2023 be noted.
- (2) That Council be **recommended** to note that the members of the Task and Finish Group on Domestic Insulation were confident that Pendle had identified all funding streams presently available to its residents; was actively involved in promoting the uptake of the schemes; was working in successful partnership with Cosy Homes in Lancashire (ChiL);

and would continue to play an active role in trying to secure as much external funding for the borough as possible.

## **12. CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE**

The Committee were asked to consider how best to carry out its role as the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee.

It was explained that the Committee were required to consider crime and disorder issues either every six months or yearly. It was suggested that one meeting a year be dedicated to this topic with options to view, consider and comment on issues and to then put forward suggestions to influence ways of working.

The Committee felt that an area to consider reviewing was the effectiveness of the work of the Community Safety Partnership at Area Committees.

### **RESOLVED**

That this issue be considered further as part of the work to be undertaken in setting the Work Programme for 2023/24.

## **13. 2023/24 WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee were advised that usually, once a year, a meeting should be set aside to consider the Work Programme for the following year. Best practice was to allocate no more than two substantial items to each meeting with an hour set aside for each to include a presentation/overview and discussion.

The following suggestions were put forward for inclusion in this year's Work Programme:

- Budget 2023/24
- Council's Property Portfolio
- Member Training
- Results of the Staff Survey

Reviewing the Corporate Plan was also suggested but as the Plan had not yet been approved by Council (now scheduled for the December meeting) it was suggested that maybe some of the priorities within the Plan be considered for review and that this be decided upon after the December Council meeting.

### **RESOLVED**

That a briefing session, via Teams, be arranged to set the Committee's Work Programme for 2023/24.

## **14. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

The Executive Work Programme and Forward Plan for the four-month period commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 was submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED**

That the following items be reviewed by the Committee before going to the Executive for consideration:

- Fees and Charges Policy
- £20m Long Terms Plan for Towns Fund

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