

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 11TH JULY 2024**

PRESENT –

Councillor C. Church (Chair)

Councillors

*R. Anwar
D. Cockburn-Price
S. Cockburn-Price
D. Gallear
K. McGladdery
B. Newman*

Officers in attendance

<i>Jane Watson</i>	<i>Democratic Services Manager</i>
<i>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Ammer and Y. Tennant.)

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1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests and that whipping declarations were also required.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25

The Committee was invited to prioritise its work programme for the coming year.

A shortlist of suggested topics, agreed at a work planning workshop on 11th June, was submitted for consideration.

One of the topics that had been shortlisted for consideration was Member Training. However, as the Council at its next meeting was being recommended to deliver a mandatory development programme to all Members, it was agreed that this topic should not be included in the Committee's work programme.

RESOLVED

That –

- (1) the Committee's work programme 2024/25, attached as appendix A to these minutes, be agreed;
- (2) Councillors R. Anwar, D. Cockburn Price and M. Stone be appointed to the Task and Finish Group(s) to consider Bulky Household Waste Collection, Replacement Waste Containers and Mechanical Street Cleansing (Compact Sweepers) and Councillor D. Cockburn-Price be appointed to lead the review(s);
- (3) Councillors R. Anwar, K. McGladdery and M. Stone be appointed to the Task and Finish Group to consider Empty Homes in Pendle and Councillor K. McGladdery be appointed to lead the review;
- (4) all the members of this Committee currently absent from this meeting, be invited to join the Task and Finish Groups referred to at (2) and (3) above;
- (5) draft Terms of Reference for each Task and Finish Group be circulated to the Committee for agreement.
- (6) further to the internal review of enforcement activities in 2023, the Executive be asked to advise this Committee on any proposals for carrying out proactive enforcement in relation to dog fouling and littering.

5. PENDLE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

At the last meeting of this Committee, Members began a review of the work being undertaken by the Pendle Community Safety Partnership (CSP). This had involved considering the wider structure, which included the Pennine Community Safety Partnership.

The Committee had heard that single district CSPs may not be sustainable, even in the short term. One of several reasons for this was the potential implications of greater accountability to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) which had been out to consultation in two phases.

The Head of Policy and Commissioning submitted a report which provided an update on the consultation. It was reported that the outcome of the first round of consultation mainly included changes to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Tools and Powers, but also included a number of reporting requirements to the PCC around ASB and ASB Case Reviews from all Responsible Authorities, including District Councils. Much of this was now in the Criminal Justice Bill which was awaiting Report Stage and Third Reading. The recent change in Government meant that progress/timing on this was uncertain.

The second phase of the consultation was a survey designed to gain a better understanding of how CSPs currently worked; the scope of activity and how this intersected with other partners; what was working well; and where improvements or changes could be made.

The implication of both was that there would be greater accountability of CSPs which would impact on District Councils as both a Responsible Authority and facilitators of CSPs.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (11.07.2024)

In response to a request from the Committee, Members had been invited to attend a meeting of the Pennine CSP to observe the proceedings. Several members of the Committee would be attending the next meeting, in September, in a bid to learn of the benefits, or otherwise, of joining the Partnership.

After considering the information provided to date, the current general feeling amongst Members was that it would likely be beneficial to join.

The report also provided information on the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP).

As this was an ongoing review it was agreed that a further report be submitted to the next meeting.

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