

MEETING OF THE

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Members: Councillors M. Ammer, R. Anwar, C. Church (Chair), D. Cockburn-Price, D. Gallear, S. Land, M. Stone and Y. Tennant)

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025

AT 7.00 p.m.

IN THE WILSON ROOM AT NELSON TOWN HALL

The meeting will commence with **PUBLIC** QUESTION TIME. Members of the public are invited to attend and ask questions of the Committee.

Members of the public may also speak on any agenda item in which they have a direct interest.

Petitions may also be presented.

You should try to make your request to speak in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. If you are unable to do this the Chair may still allow you to speak if you turn up at the meeting.

> For further information and to make a request to speak please contact Lynne Rowland on 01282 661649 or via email: lynne.rowland@pendle.gov.uk

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AGENDA

1. Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

Whipping declarations are also required.

2. Public Question Time

To receive, for a maximum of 15 minutes, questions from members of the public on issues which do not appear on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Enc. To approve, or otherwise, the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2025.

4. Potential Reviews

(a) Fixed Penalty Notices for Dog Fouling and Littering

At a previous meeting of this Committee, Members agreed to ask the Executive to advise on any proposals for carrying out proactive enforcement in relation to dog fouling and littering.

Enc. Members are advised that the Executive has agreed the attached Operational Services Enforcement Policy, designed to provide an effective enforcement service, which covers the removal of waste from private land, littering, failure to clear fouling, fly-tipping and other environmental crimes.

The Committee is asked to decide on whether any further action is felt necessary.

(b) Homelessness

At the request of Council, the Committee is asked to consider carrying out a review of homelessness, including its causes and options for local solutions.

5. <u>Task and Finish Groups</u>

At the last meeting of this Committee, it was agreed to set up a task and finish group to commence the review of empty homes in Pendle. As the Council was due to consider whether to account for one new Empty Homes Officer in the 2025/26 budget at its Special Budget Council meeting, it has since been determined that it would be more appropriate to

carry out the review in the new municipal year. The work has therefore been postponed for the time being.

6. <u>Executive Response to Scrutiny Recommendations</u>

Mechanical Street Cleansing (Compact Sweepers)

Following the conclusion of the scrutiny review of mechanical street cleansing (compact sweepers), the recommendations of this Committee were submitted to the Executive for consideration and response. The matter was discussed at the Executive's 30th January 2025 meeting where it was agreed to refer the report to Full Council for consideration.

The response of Full Council will be reported at the meeting.

- 7. <u>Work Programme 2024/2025</u>
- **Enc.** The Committee's updated work programme is submitted for information.
- 8. <u>Executive Work Programme/Forward Plan</u>
- **Enc.** To consider any issues arising from the Executive Forward Plan published on 13th February 2025.