MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 30TH JUNE 2026

PRESENT –

Councillor C. Church (Chair)

Councillors

D. Cockburn-Price
S. Cockburn-Price
Y. Tennant

Officers in attendance

Sarah Astin-Wood	*Head of Policy and Partnerships*
Lynne Rowland	*Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Iqbal and S. Land.)

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The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated -

Roxanne Neska	*Land fronting 23 Woodside Terrace, Nelson*	*Minute No.3(b)*
Christine (surname unknown)		

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Members' attention was also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Committee received, for information, the response of the Executive to the call-in of decisions relating to the following items –

(a) Proposed Keighley Road Conservation Area

In accordance with the Council's call-in procedure, the Executive had been asked to reconsider its decision of the 19th March 2026 in relation to the proposed Keighley Road Conservation Area.

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At its meeting on 28th May 2026, the Executive reconsidered the matter and amended its decision.

The Officer recommendations were supported and it was agreed to designate a new conservation area named the Keighley Road Conservation Area.

(b) Land fronting 23 Woodside Terrace, Nelson

In accordance with the Council's call-in procedure, the Executive had been asked to reconsider its decision of the 19th March 2026 in relation to the land fronting 23 Woodside Terrace, Nelson.

At its meeting on 28th May 2026, the Executive reconsidered the matter and amended its decision, resulting in a request for the retention and completion of works to create a raised timber deck extending on to garden tenancy land being refused and a decision to not declare the land surplus to requirements.

Representatives of the applicant in attendance at the meeting expressed concern over the decision made and asked for the matter to be reconsidered.

The Chair advised that the decision was now final and that they would need to take independent advice should they wish to pursue the matter further.

4. WORK PROGRAMME

A list of proposed topics for inclusion in the Committee's 2026/27 work programme was submitted for consideration, together with criteria and guidance on how to select a topic for inclusion.

The Committee considered the suggestions put forward and assessed each one against the criteria. It was determined that the following suggestions did not fulfil the criteria for the reasons set out and were therefore rejected –

- Lancashire and Cumbria Integrated Care Board – This was not an issue where something could be done and a scrutiny review could make a difference.
- Pendle developing a cost neutral anti-littering and dog fouling team – The Council had recently determined not to proceed with this item therefore it did not fit the criteria of being an issue that was not currently under review by another body or had recently been reviewed.
- In-house Conservation Officer for Pendle – The Council had recently determined not to proceed with this item therefore it did not fit the criteria of being an issue that was not currently under review by another body or had recently been reviewed.

It was agreed that the following suggestions be considered in the work programme, but in a different light –

- Behaviour altering videos for the website – to first consider what behaviour change campaigns had taken place and were planned, in line with Council Plan priority 2: Proud and Connected Communities and Places.
- Youth Services Pre YES Hub – to understand progress made with the YES Hub as part of the Nelson Town Deal Programme, in line with Council Plan priority 3: Good Growth.

An additional suggestion for a standard item on performance monitoring was considered and agreed.

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A further suggestion of ‘regeneration’ was also considered. Reference was made to the recent award of ‘Council of the Year’ to Burnley Borough Council which had acknowledged its work on regeneration and housing/rehousing empty properties. The Committee felt that lessons could be learnt from its work on these issues.

The topic related to Council Plan priority 3: Good Growth and priority 4: Housing and Healthy Communities. By learning from our neighbours this would also contribute to work on priority 5: Preparing for Local Government Reorganisation. It was agreed that, once the new unitary footprint was known, work be carried out to find out what the neighbouring authorities had achieved on this issue, and how.

RESOLVED

That the Committee’s work programme 2026/27, attached as Appendix A to these minutes, be agreed.

5. EXECUTIVE WORK PROGRAMME/FORWARD PLAN

The Executive Work Programme/Forward Plan, published on 15th June 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

An updated version was submitted to the meeting and was noted.

CHAIR ________________________________