

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY (VALUE FOR MONEY COUNCIL SERVICES) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall on Monday 27th February 2023 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors R. Lock (Chairman), S. P. Gaskin, R. G. W. Grosvenor, T. Hadley, P. Hudson, Ms A. Legg and S. McGarry.

Officers Present:

James Abbott (Corporate and Commercial Manager), and Monica Henchcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L. Beech.

47/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

48/23 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Public Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st December 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R Lock		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor T Hadley		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor Ms A Legg		
Councillor S McGarry		

49/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

50/23 **DISABLED FACILITY GRANT REVIEW**

The Corporate and Commercial Manager gave a short presentation on the disabled facility grant review final report, and outlined the recommendations to be presented to Cabinet.

Members agreed to accept the report.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R Lock		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor T Hadley		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor Ms A Legg		
Councillor S McGarry		

51/23 **ICT SCRUTINY REVIEW**

The Corporate and Commercial Manager gave a short presentation on the disabled ICT Strategy review final report, and outlined the recommendations to be presented to Cabinet.

Members agreed to accept the report.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor R Lock		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor T Hadley		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor Ms A Legg		
Councillor S McGarry		

52/23 **UPDATE ON ONGOING REVIEWS**

The Corporate and Commercial Manager reported that with the completion of the ICT and Disabled Facility Grant reviews, the Committee will now be concentrating on the Civil Enforcement review. He reported that the sub-group had been liaising with the Service Managers and the initial research would be circulated in the next few days, so the review could be progressed later in March.

The Enforcement Manager and the Open Spaces Manager had been invited to the meeting to answer questions from Members.

NOTED

53/23 **SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRAMME**

The Chairman informed Members that they would not be adding another review topic at present.

NOTED

54/23 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Members considered the Public Executive Decision Records.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED

55/23 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted to the Committee prior to the meeting.

56/23 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

The next meeting of the Committee is to be advised.

57/23 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items as it would likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda:

PRIVATE MINUTES

PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS

Chairman