

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 3rd April 2023 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors R. Lock (Chairman), L. Beech, S. P. Gaskin, T. Hadley and S. McGarry.

Officers Present:

James Abbott (Corporate and Commercial Manager), M. Woolley (Enforcement Manager) and M. Hovers (Communities Open Spaces Manager) and Monica Henchcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Hudson and Ms A. Legg.

60/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

61/23 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Public Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th February 2023 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 L Beech
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor T Hadley		
Councillor S McGarry		

62/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

63/23 **CIVIL ENFORCEMENT REVIEW**

The Chairman updated the Committee on the progress of the civil enforcement review. Accordingly the Enforcement Manager and the Communities and Open Spaces Manager had been invited and attended the meeting, to answer questions from Members.

An opportunity for questions took place.

NOTED

64/23 **PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER 3**

The Report of Sal Khan, Head of Service, regarding the quarter three performance report was considered. The Corporate and Commercial Manager provided an overview of the report to the committee.

An opportunity for questions followed.

Councillor Lock enquired about the target for VFM01 (Short Term Sickness) and asked if there was a managers strategy to combat this.

Members also noted that the topic of Short Term Sickness could be a topic for a future review.

Councillor McGarry also enquired about VFM14 regarding the external audit for year ending 2022/2023. She asked if the valuers mentioned in the draft will be fined for not providing the information for the audit in a timely manner.

The Corporate and Commercial Manager informed the Committee that he would consult with the relevant managers and bring both response back to the Committee.

NOTED

65/23 **SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRAMME**

The Chairman informed Members that they would not be adding another review topic at present, but requested that Members gave consideration to topics that could be reviewed in the future.

NOTED

66/23 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Members considered the Public Executive Decision Records.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED

67/23 **QUESTIONS**

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

68/23 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

The next meeting of the Committee is to be advised.

69/23 **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

LEISURE SERVICES CONTRACT REPORT

PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS

