

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 29th June 2022 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors R. Lock (Chairman), L. Beech, S. Gaskin, R. G. Grosvenor, P. Hudson, Ms A. Legg, S. McGarry.

Officers Present:

Sal Khan (Head of Service), Mark Rizk (Head of Service), James Abbott (Corporate and Commercial Manager), Simon Allaway (Leisure Services Contracts Officer) and Monica Henchcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor T. Hadley.

01/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

02/22 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

03/22 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor S Gaskin was appointed vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

04/22 **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT – END OF YEAR 2021/22**

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

An opportunity for questions followed.

Councillor R Grosvenor requested information on the long term sickness outside of the meeting. He was informed that the request would be sent through to the Chief Executive for a response.

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05/22 **SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRAMME**

The Chairman updated the Committee on the ongoing and future programme of scrutiny topics, and requested that Members gave consideration to any topics that they would like to add to the review programme. A number of topics to be reviewed were discussed.

The Corporate and Commercial Manager provided an update on the following ongoing reviews:

IT – advised the Committee that the sub group were gathering information at the moment. He confirmed that the scoping and a benchmarking exercise had been completed, and was ready to be circulated to Members and staff.

It was agreed that Councillor R Lock would be the lead of the sub-group, along with Councillors L Beech and Ms A Legg.

Mayoralty – informed the Committee that a working document had been completed and the next stage was to undertake a consultation with Members and members of the public.

It was agreed that Councillor R Grosvenor would lead the sub-group, along with Councillors L Beech, S Gaskin, Ms A Legg and R Lock.

Disabled Facilities Grants – at the last meeting this review was presented and it was agreed that representatives from Trent and Dove Housing Limited be invited to a future meeting to inform the Committee on the progress made. He reported that the sub-group had met with DFG officer and they were happy with the progress made by the Council.

It was agreed that Councillor S McGarry would lead the sub-group, along with Councillors L Beech, P Hudson and R Lock.

Resolved:

Members agreed that the topic of Civil Enforcement would be reviewed, with all Members of the Committee involved. It was also agreed that the Committee would send any information to the Corporate and Commercial Manager as to questions that Members would like to be included on the scoping paper.

06/22 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Members considered the Public Executive Decision Records.

An opportunity for questions followed.

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07/22 **QUESTIONS**

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

08/22 **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on 28th September 2022.

09/22 **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:

LEISURE SERVICES CONTRACT REPORT
PRIVATE EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS

Chairman