

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON**

3 September 2019

7.30 - 8.25 pm

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members**

Councillor David Carter (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)  
Councillor Simon Carter  
Councillor Tony Edwards  
Councillor Maggie Hulcoop  
Councillor Shannon Jezzard  
Councillor Shona Johnson  
Councillor Stefan Mullard (substitute for Councillor Emma Toal)  
Councillor Chris Vince  
Councillor Nancy Watson (substitute for Councillor Bob Davis)

**Officers**

Simon Freeman, Head of Finance and Deputy to the Chief Executive  
Adam Rees, Governance Support Officer

**Also Present**

Adrian Voce, Leisure and environment

11. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bob Davis and Emma Toal. Councillors Stefan Mullard and Nancy Watson attended as their substitutes.

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

13. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2019 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the amendment of the final sentence in the second paragraph of Minute 7 to read 'In particular, barriers surrounding people with mental health and learning difficulties, and unpaid carers'.

14. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

15. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

16. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

17. **RESPONSES OF THE CABINET TO REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

None.

18. **REVIEW OF PADDLING POOLS - VERBAL UPDATE**

Adrian Voce, Leisure and the Environment, gave an update on the work which had been carried out as part of the consultation on paddling pools and splash parks. The questionnaire had been devised following discussions with Officers and Councillors and aimed to be direct and simple. A separate questionnaire had been put together for children.

Extensive consultation had already taken place with people using the paddling pools throughout the summer and a wide number of groups had been engaged with. The online consultation had already received over 800 responses. Schools would be sending information to parents on the consultation via Parent Mail next week.

He said that when the consultation ended on 20 September the results would be analysed by a number of metrics and this would include by location. An initial report would be presented to the Committee at the meeting on 15 October.

The Committee discussed the progress on the consultation and praised the number of responses which had been received so far. However, it was noted that the children's questionnaire did not allow children to answer about specific paddling pools. It was also noted that age and gender were not questions on all versions of the questionnaire.

The Committee requested that the costs of various options were included in the next report. They also requested that the raw data from the consultation were made available to the Committee members.

19. **WORK PLAN**

The Committee received a report summarising its work plan for 2019/20.

**RESOLVED** that the work plan be noted.

20. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

21. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE