

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

12 July 2022

7.30 - 8.37 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Tony Edwards (Chair)
Councillor David Carter (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Nick Churchill
Councillor Colleen Morrison
Councillor Matthew Saggars
Councillor Stacy Seales
Councillor Lanie Shears

Also Present

Councillor Russell Perrin
Councillor Dan Swords

Officers

Simon Hill, Director of Governance and Corporate Support
Adam Rees, Senior Governance Support Officer

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Danielle Pritchard.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2022 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

It was explained that contact information for the Police Officers assigned to each ward had been provided at a Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner event held at Latton Bush Centre. The details would be provided to committee members.

The Chair expressed his disappointment that the visual presentation of activity presented by the Police to the Committee at the March meeting still had not been forwarded by the Police to members of the Committee as promised.

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

None.

6. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

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

RESOLVED that the following response was noted.

- a) Response of the Cabinet to Accept the Recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee from the Review of Policing and Community Safety

8. **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2022/23**

- a) Discussion with the Leader

The Leader outlined the priorities set out in the Corporate Strategy. In response to questions he said that the Corporate Strategy would be reviewed in Autumn, and that the Administration was aiming to achieve all short term aims set out in the Strategy by the end of the calendar year.

The Chair thanked the Leader for attending and said the Committee would consider areas it felt value could be added through the scrutiny process.

- b) Agreement of Work Plan

The Committee considered its work plan for the 2022/23 municipal year.

It was agreed that the following items would not be progressed as part of the Committee's work plan. The reasons are also noted below:

- a) Online Gambling – It was noted the Government was currently considering the introduction of legislation on this matter. Any review would follow the legislation
- b) GP Practices – It was noted the relevant scrutiny authority for this was Essex County Council. The Director of Communities and Environment would speak to Councillor Carter about the discussions which are already taking place between the Council and the CCG.
- c) Parking Permits – This would be dealt with by the Parking Steering Group

- d) Hate Crime – This was to be incorporated in pre-scrutiny of the Community Safety Strategy. The Director of Communities and Environment would speak to Councillor Griggs about the actions the Council is already taking.
- e) Veolia Contract – It was noted that this already forms part of the Audit and Standards Committee’s audit tracker. Relevant information would be supplied to Councillor Vince.
- f) Garage e-charging – This would be incorporated into the emerging Garages Strategy.

RESOLVED that the work plan was agreed as appended to the minutes.

9. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2021/22**

The Committee received the annual scrutiny report for 2021/22.

RESOLVED that the report was recommended to Full Council that the report be noted.

10. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

11. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2022/23

Work	Tuesday 12 July 2022	Tuesday 30 August 2022	Wednesday 16 November 2022	Tuesday 7 February 2023	Tuesday 14 March 2023
Policing and Community Safety Annual Review				Agreement of questions	Q&A with Police
Housing and Accommodation Requirements for Adults with a Moderate /Severe Learning Disability		Update on implementation of recommendations			
Allotments					
Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harassment					
Online Gambling	Review Submission Form				
Implementation of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy	Review Submission Form			Report	
Council Home Working	Review Submission Form	Report			
GP Practices	Review Submission Form				
Parking Permits	Review Submission Form				
Hate Crime	Review Submission				

	Form				
Notice Boards	Review Submission Form		Report		
Veolia Contract	Review Submission Form				
Garage E Charging	Review Submission Form				
Climate Change Strategy		Pre-scrutiny			
Health and Wellbeing Strategy			Pre-scrutiny		
Economic Development Strategy					Pre-scrutiny
Community Safety Strategy		Pre-scrutiny			