

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON**

6 February 2024

7.30 - 8.50 pm

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members**

Councillor Tony Edwards (Chair)  
Councillor Alastair Gunn (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Colleen Morrison  
Councillor Kay Morrison  
Councillor Matthew Saggars

**Also Present**

Councillor Nicky Purse

**Officers**

Donna Beechener, Assistant Director - Revenues and Benefits  
Simon Hill, Director of Governance and Corporate Services  
Adam Rees, Senior Governance Support Officer

113. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors James Griggs and Russell Perrin.

114. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

115. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

116. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

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

None.

118. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

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

None.

120. **CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

The Committee received a report on the draft Climate Change Strategy.

It was requested that the following be considered prior to the consultation taking place:

- i) The timeline of short, medium and long term actions included dates for completion;
- ii) An explanation on the current progress of decarbonisation feasibility studies and when they will be completed;
- iii) Further information on the type/s of climate change training will be provided;
- iv) The applicability of EPC ratings as long term method for measuring be explored, and whether alternatives should be used instead;
- v) Information on the mitigation rates since 2020 be provided;
- vi) Holding a briefing for Councillors on Passive Homes Standard;
- vii) Details on what is included in the housing stock condition surveys be provided;
- viii) Details about what planning guidance currently says, and what could be included in future guidance.

**RESOLVED** that the Committee recommended to Cabinet that the draft Climate Change Strategy, as set out in Appendix A of this report, be approved for consultation.

121. **WORK PLAN**

The Committee received its work plan.

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

122. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

123. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE