

**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