

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

4 February 2025

7.00 - 7.47 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Tony Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Matthew Saggars (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Dr. Emma Ghaffari
Councillor Mark Ingall
Councillor Kay Morrison
Councillor Russell Perrin

Also Present

Councillor David Carter
Councillor Hannah Ellis
Councillor Dan Swords

Officers

Rebecca Farrant, Assistant Director - Corporate Services and Improvement
Adam Rees, Senior Governance Support Officer
Natasha Terrell, Assistant Director - HR and Organisational Development
Lisa Whiting, Housing Options and Advice Manager

54. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Garnett.

55. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

56. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2024 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

57. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

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

None.

59. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

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

None.

61. **HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY**

The Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee acknowledged the final version of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and summary of the completed public consultation (attached as appendices 1 and 2 to the report).

62. **PERFORMANCE, FINANCE AND RISK - SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2024**

The Committee received the Performance, Finance and Risk report for September and October 2024.

The Committee agreed that the Committee would no longer look at performance, finance and risk report.

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the report.

63. **WORK PLAN**

The Committee received a report summarising its work plan.

The Chair said that a report on domestic abuse and sexual harassment would now go to the July meeting.

The reports on Awaab's Law, and Housing Disrepair, would no longer be going to the March meeting. An additional meeting was being considered for late March or early April that could consider the reports.

The Chair asked the Committee to think of potential items for the next council year and reminded them to complete the topic submission form. He also said that he had asked that the number of committee meetings next year be increased.

RESOLVED that the work plan be noted.

64. **CLIMATE CHANGE TASK AND FINISH GROUP - UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the task and finish group. It was noted that the next meeting of the group was on 6 February and that the final strategy would be presented to the March Committee meeting.

65. **PLAYHOUSE, ARTS AND CULTURAL QUARTER TASK AND FINISH GROUP - UPDATE**

The Committee noted that a focus group and meeting were being scheduled for this month.

66. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

67. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE