

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

4 March 2025

7.00 - 7.45 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Tony Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Matthew Saggars (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Michael Garnett
Councillor Dr. Emma Ghaffari
Councillor Sue Livings
Councillor Kay Morrison
Councillor Russell Perrin

Also Present

Councillor Nicky Purse, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability

Officers

Vicky Forgione, Forward Planning Manager
James Gardner, Managing Director
Curtis Painter, Customer Advisor
Adam Rees, Senior Governance Support Officer
Natasha Terrell, Assistant Director - HR and Organisational Development
Tanusha Waters, Assistant Director - Planning and Garden Town

68. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mark Ingall.

69. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

70. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2025 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

71. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

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

None.

73. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

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

None.

75. **CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY - FINAL REPORT**

The Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Climate Change Strategy. This followed the work undertaken by the Climate Change Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee:

A Noted representations received to the consultation, the Council's response and amendments proposed to the Strategy as set out in Appendix B of this report.

B Recommended to Cabinet that the final Climate Change Strategy, as set out in Appendix A of this report, be adopted.

76. **WORK PLAN**

The Committee received a report summarising its work plan. It noted that an additional meeting would be held on 8 April 2025 to consider Housing Disrepair. The Chair reminded Councillors to submit topics using the submission form so they could be considered for the next council year's work plan.

RESOLVED that the work plan be noted.

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

It was noted that a focus group had taken place last month and that a further meeting of the task and finish group would be taking place on 26 March. The Chair requested task and finish group notes and actions alongside a written update for the next Scrutiny meeting.

78. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Councillor Saggars said that following the previous meeting he had discussed the role of audit regarding risk management, KPIs, and financial performance.

Risk management was already a function of the Audit and Standards Committee. KPIs could be considered as part of the Audit and Standards

Committee's annual governance review. It could consider the financial outturn report as well.

The Scrutiny Committee agreed that this was a sensible approach and recognised that specific issues could come to the Scrutiny Committee if needed.

79. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE