

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 28th March, 2022
6.00 - 7.50 pm

Attendees	
Councillors:	Dilys Barrell, Alisha Lewis, Emma Nelson, John Payne, Julie Sankey and David Willingham (Reserve)
Also in attendance:	Bev Thomas, Harry Mayo, Darren Knight, John Chorlton, Paul Minnis and Ann Wolstencroft

Minutes

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Britter, Flynn, Hegenbarth, Mason and Stafford sent apologies.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr. Payne was elected to chair the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Nelson noted that she was the wife of the Police and Crime Commissioner, in case he or the Police and Crime Panel were discussed.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 28th February meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS, CALLS FOR ACTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

5. CABINET BRIEFING

There was no Cabinet briefing.

6. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

There were none.

7. FEEDBACK FROM OTHER SCRUTINY MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr. Barrell's update from the 8th March HOSC meeting was taken as read. She acknowledged that, in view of various comments that had come to her, Covid numbers were still very high and there were occasionally long waits for ambulance handovers. Her impression was that the hospitals were very aware of this problem, and that it needed everyone working together to overcome it. The issue was linked to inadequate social care, which prevented people being

released from hospital. A lot more detail was available in the video of the meeting, as linked in her update.

She also added that following on from the recent Council motion on road crossings, there were plans in hand for a road safety forum to bring all sorts of relevant parties together to discuss road safety and try and move things forward.

One Member asked about the issue of child obesity mentioned in the update. What were the measures undertaken to improve the situation, and what were its main causes? Cllr. Barrell noted that she was not an expert in this, but that the Q&A section of the video could be very useful. She suspected that the Covid crisis would have exacerbated the problem due to people being stuck at home, and added that No Child Left Behind was doing very positive work on the subject.

8. UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY TASK GROUPS

The update from the forthcoming Scrutiny Task Group on Tackling Multiple Deprivation was taken as read.

Cllr. Willingham highlighted that while the task group would not begin formally until after the May elections (so that new councillors had the opportunity to sit on the group) preparatory work was going on behind the scenes to identify what levers of power the council could directly influence. These included housing (as a provider through CBH), housing enforcement and revenues and benefits. It was important to focus on the areas where the council had genuine power.

9. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

There were no comments on the scrutiny workplan.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There were no comments on the scrutiny workplan.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXEMPT INFORMATION

Members resolved to move into exempt session.

12. CYBER SECURITY

Darren Knight (Executive Director People and Change) and John Chorlton (Chief Technology Officer, Publica) presented a discussion paper on the council's prevention and monitoring measures in place to mitigate a possible cyber incident, and responded to Member questions.

13. REVIEW OF COUNCIL KPIS, PROJECTS AND RISKS

Darren Knight (Executive Director People and Change), Paul Minnis (Cyber Program Manager) and Ann Wolstencroft (Program Manager, HR), discussed the council's key performance indicators and how it identified and responded to risks. They also gave a demonstration of the Clearview system, particularly with regard to the Cyber Central project, and responded to Member questions.

Chairman