

Cheltenham Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting date: 30 October 2023

Meeting time: 6.00 pm

Meeting venue: Council Chamber - Municipal Offices

Membership:

Councillor Tabi Joy (Chair), Councillor Steve Harvey (Vice-Chair), Councillor Graham Beale, Councillor Nigel Britter, Councillor Jackie Chelin, Councillor Stan Smith, Councillor Stephan Fifield, Councillor Julian Tooke, Councillor Suzanne Williams, Councillor Emma Nelson

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1 Apologies

2 Declarations of interest

3 Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

Minutes of meeting held on 4 September 2023.

4 Public and Member questions, calls for actions and petitions

5 Cabinet Briefing

Briefing from Councillor Hay, Leader (if she has an update, or if O&S Members have questions for her)

Objective: An update from the Cabinet on key issues for Cabinet Members which may be of interest to Overview and Scrutiny and may inform the work plan

6 Matters referred to committee

There are no matters referred to O&S on this occasion.

7 Publica Annual Report 2022/23 (Pages 11 - 44)

18:05 30 mins

Objective : Consider annual report 2022/23: where is performance good/requires improvement

Frank Wilson, Executive Director Finance, Publica

Sally Walker, Chair, Publica

To be preceded by an update to the committee by Claire Hughes, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer, on services transferred to Cheltenham Borough Council

8 Christmas in Cheltenham 2023 (Pages 45 - 52)

18:35 20 mins

Objective : Understand what the plans are, what remains to be done and where the risks are. To include an update on the ice rink.

Helen Mole, Head of Place Marketing and Inward Investment

Hannah Ward, Events Manager

9 End of year performance review and current performance (Pages 53 - 56) 18:55 30 mins

Objective : Consider a summary of end of year performance: have we achieved what we set out to, and if not, why?

What assurances can you provide for current performance ?

Ann Wolstencroft, Head of Performance, Projects & Risk

10 Feedback from other scrutiny meetings attended (Pages 57 - 60)

Gloucestershire Health O&S Committee (October 2023) – update from Councillor Bamford

Gloucestershire Economic Growth O&S Committee (21 September 2023) – update from Councillor McCloskey

Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel (meeting date) – update from Councillor Clucas to follow

11 Updates from scrutiny task groups (Pages 61 - 62)

19:25 10 mins

Members of the Committee are asked to consider the attached draft one-page strategy containing the terms of reference for a Scrutiny Task Group on Cheltenham Borough Homes transition

12 Review of scrutiny workplan (Pages 63 - 70)

19:35 10 mins

Any other Item (s) that the Chair determines to be urgent

13 Date of next meeting

20 November 2023

14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXEMPT INFORMATION

The committee is recommended to approve the following resolution:-

“That in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining agenda items as it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public are present there will be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, Part (1) Schedule (12A) Local Government Act 1972, namely:

Paragraph 3; Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

15 Minster Exchange (Pages 71 - 82)

19:45 40 mins

Objective : What is the strategy and action plan in relation to the letting of the building ?

Andrew Roughan, (Managing Director, Plexal)

Gareth Edmundson (Chief Executive)

Paul Jones (Executive Director Finance and Assets),

Andy Taylor (Commercial Accountant)

(O&S Members are reminded to register for the short tour of the MX in the afternoon).

Informal de-brief

What went well? Can we identify opportunities for improvement or training needs?