

Cheltenham Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting date: 21 October 2024

Meeting time: 6.00 pm

Meeting venue: Council Chamber - Municipal Offices

Membership:

Councillor Tabi Joy (Chair), Councillor Jackie Chelin (Vice-Chair), Councillor Graham Beale, Councillor Julia Chandler, Councillor Stan Smith, Councillor Chris Day, Councillor Richard Pineger, Councillor Juan Carlos Garcia Clamp, Councillor Sandra Holliday, Councillor Frank Allen and Councillor Cathal Lynch

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1 Apologies

2 Declarations of interest

3 Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 5 - 12)

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2024.

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

7 Biodiversity Duty First Consideration Report (Pages 13 - 36) 18:10 30 mins

Objective : Examining current management arrangements for our green spaces alongside best practice in terms of biodiversity and wildlife management.

Javier Guerrero, Planning Policy Officer

Malcolm Walls, Community Parks Development Officer

8 Grants Policy (Pages 37 - 56)

18:40 20 mins

Objective : To consider the policy prior to Cabinet consideration.

Claire Hughes, Director of Governance and Customer Service.

9 Scrutiny Task Group Tackling Multiple Deprivation - Progress report (Pages 57 - 80) 19:00 30 mins

Objective : Report back on progress on recommendations of the Scrutiny Task Group report submitted in July 2023. Reflecting on success of, or barriers to, implementing recommendations and identifying further actions.

Richard Gibson, Head of Communities, Wellbeing and Partnerships.

10 Feedback from other scrutiny meetings attended (Pages 81 - 88)

[Gloucestershire Health O&S Committee](#) 15th October 2024 – an update from Councillor Bamford will be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny on 25 November.

[Gloucestershire Economic Strategy Scrutiny Committee](#) 20th September 2024 – update from Councillor Orme –the draft minutes from that meeting have been provided (attached).

[Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel 6th September 2024](#) – update from Councillor Atherstone – TO FOLLOW

11 Updates from scrutiny task groups

There are currently no active scrutiny task groups.

12 Review of scrutiny workplan (Pages 89 - 92)

13 Any other item that the Chair determines to be urgent

14 Date of next meeting

25 November 2024

Informal de-brief

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