

Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 28 October 2024 at 5.00 pm
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Monday, 25 November 2024 at 5.00 pm

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Membership

Cllr L G J Kennedy
Cllr G Westcott
Cllr D Broom
Cllr E Buczkowski
Cllr A Cuddy
Cllr G Czapiewski
Cllr M Farrell
Cllr C Harrower
Cllr B Holdman
Cllr L Knight
Cllr R Roberts
Cllr S Robinson

AGENDA

Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place

- 1 **Apologies and Substitute Members**
To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).
- 2 **Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct**
To record any interests on agenda matters.
- 3 **Public Question Time**
To receive any questions from members of the public and replies thereto.
Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item.
- 4 **Minutes of the previous meeting** (*Pages 5 - 12*)
To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on Monday 9 September 2024.
- 5 **Chair's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chair of Scrutiny Committee may wish to make.
- 6 **Decisions of the Cabinet**
To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its last meeting that have been called-in.
- 7 **Whistleblowing - six month update**
To receive a verbal update from the Head of People, Performance and Waste.
- 8 **Establishment - six month update** (*Pages 13 - 40*)
To receive a report from the Head of People, Performance and Waste giving an update on Establishment for the past six months.
- 9 **Void Properties** (*Pages 41 - 56*)
To receive a report from the Head of Housing and Health relating to the number of Void Properties broken down by ward and what was being done to mitigate the void and return it to use.
- 10 **Solar Panel Farms and Anaerobic Digesters - quantity of sites and land use** (*Pages 57 - 62*)
To receive a report from the Director of Place and Economy regarding Solar Panel Farms and Anaerobic Digesters looking at the quantity of sites and how much land was devoted to renewable energies. Building on discussions at recent meetings, including at the September Scrutiny committee, the report has also been developed to include consideration of, and scope for, wind power within the District.

- 11 **Portfolio Presentation from the Cabinet Member for Housing , Assets and Property.**
To receive a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property regarding his portfolio.
- 12 **Work Programme (Pages 63 - 82)**
To review the existing Work Plan and consider items for the committee's future consideration, taking account of:
- a) Any items within the Forward Plan for discussion at the next meeting;
 - b) Suggestions of other work for the committee in 2024/25.

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Friday, 18 October 2024

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