

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held on **Thursday 20 July 2023** at **5.00 pm** in the **Conference Chamber, West Suffolk House**, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU

Present **Councillors**

Chair Sarah Broughton
Vice Chair Marion Rushbrook

Tony Brown	Birgitte Mager
Dawn Dicker	Andrew Martin
Susan Glossop	Andrew Smith
Luke Halpin	Don Waldron
Beccy Hopfensperger	Julia Wakelam
Rowena Lindberg	Kevin Yarrow

226. **Substitutes**

No substitutions were declared.

227. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Aaron Luccarini.

Councillor Andrew Speed was also unable to attend the meeting.

228. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2023 were confirmed as correct record and signed by the Chair.

229. **Declarations of interest**

Members' declarations of interest are recorded under the item to which the declaration relates.

230. **Announcements from the Chair regarding responses from the Cabinet to reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Chair informed members she attended Cabinet on 18 July 2023 and presented the Committee's report from its meeting held on 15 June 2023. As per the minutes confirmed above, the Chair updated Cabinet on the Committee's consideration of the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny meeting held on 19 April 2023; the appointments made to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee for the term of the 2023 to 2027

administration and the Committee's forward work programme, which were noted by Cabinet.

231. **Public participation**

There were no members of the public in attendance on this occasion.

232. **Cabinet Decisions Plan: 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024**

The Committee received report number: OAS/WS/23/010, which informed members on forthcoming decisions to be considered by the Cabinet for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024.

The Committee considered the Decisions Plan and did not request any further information on items contained in the Plan.

There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024 Decisions Plan.

233. **Work programme update and Suggestions for Scrutiny**

[Councillor Luke Halpin arrived at 5.08pm during the consideration of this item and prior to the vote being taken].

The Committee received report number: OAS/WS/23/011, which updated members on the current status of its rolling work programme of items for scrutiny during 2020-2021 (Appendix 1).

Attached at Appendix 2 was the scoping document and key lines of enquiry document for the Abbeycroft Leisure Strategic Partnership Review and terms of reference at Appendix 3.

Also attached at Appendices 4 to 6 were the work programme suggestion form, scoping document and key lines of enquiry document and terms of reference for the Infrastructure and Transport review.

The Committee considered and **noted** the current states of its rolling work programme and requested an update report on the Council's approach to Modern-Day Slavery to be presented to the Committee at its September 2023 meeting. The previous administration had agreed to set up a Modern-Day Slavery Working Group in November 2020 following the government's announcement in September 2020 on new guidance, which the government had yet to legislate.

The Committee then considered in detail the proposed Transport and Infrastructure Review and asked questions to which responses were provided. In particular discussions were held on public transport and electric vehicles. As part of the discussions, the Committee suggested broadband provision should be included as a utility service in Appendix 5 under "views from external expert advisors" which officers agreed to include.

The Committee considered the proposed Abbeycroft Leisure Strategic Review and did not make any amendments to the terms of reference or scoping document.

Nominations were then sort for the Abbeycroft Leisure Strategic Review and the Transport and Infrastructure Review Task and Finish Groups.

The Chair informed the Committee that she was concerned about a recent Panorama programme on CCTV cameras which had raised data security issues with the Chinese made equipment (Hikvision), whereby a number of councils who had this brand were now replacing them. She suggested inviting the Cabinet Member for Operations, Councillor David Taylor to the Committee's September 2023 meeting to find out whether the Council had any Hikvision CCTV equipment; if so whether they were being replaced; where the servers stored the data; and to provide a general overview of the Council's CCTV system.

It was then proposed by Councillor Andrew Smith, duly seconded by Councillor Julia Wakelam, and with the vote being unanimous:

RESOLVED, That

- 1) The Abbeycroft Leisure Strategic Partnership Review be included into the Committee's forward work programme for 2023 to 2024.**
- 2) The scoping document and key lines of enquiry document for the Abbeycroft Leisure Strategic Partnership Review be approved.**
- 3) The terms of reference for the Abbeycroft Leisure Strategic Partnership Review be approved, and**
 - Councillor Sarah Broughton;**
 - Councillor Rowena Lindberg;**
 - Councillor Marion Rushbrook be appointed to sit on the Task and Finish Group.**

Note: The Chair agreed to email non- scrutiny councillors following the meeting to seek two volunteers who would be interested in sitting on the Task and Finish Group.

- 4) The Transport and Infrastructure Review be included into the Committee's forward work programme for 2023 to 2024.**
- 5) The scoping document and key lines of enquiry document for the Transport and Infrastructure Review be approved.**
- 6) The terms of reference for the Transport and Infrastructure Review be approved, and**
 - Councillor Sarah Broughton;**
 - Councillor Beccy Hopfensperger;**

- **Councillor Birgitte Mager;**
- **Councillor Andrew Smith**
- **Councillor Don Waldron**
- **Councillor Julia Wakelam;**
- **Councillor Kevin Yarrow be appointed to sit on the Task and Finish Group.**

7) The Committee invites Councillor David Taylor, Cabinet Member for Operations to its September 2023 meeting to provide information on the Council's CCTV system and the Chinese made Hikvision.

8) The Committee receives an update on the Council's approach to Modern Day Slavery at its September 2023 meeting.

The meeting concluded at 5.25 pm

Signed by:

Chair
