

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 20 July 2023

Report number:	CAB/WS/23/035	
Report to and date:	Cabinet	19 September 2023
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Decisions Plan: This item is not required to be included in the Decisions Plan.

Wards impacted: All wards.

Recommendation: It is recommended that Report number: CAB/WS/23/035, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be noted.

1. Context to this report

- 1.1 On 20 July 2023, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:
1. Cabinet Decisions Plan: 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024
 2. Work programme update 2023 and Suggestions for Scrutiny.

2. Proposals within this report

2.1 **Cabinet Decisions Plan: 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024 (Report number: OAS/WS/23/010)**

- 2.2.1 The Committee reviewed the latest version of the Cabinet Decisions Plan, covering the period 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024.
- 2.2.2 The Committee considered the Decisions Plan and did not request any further information on items contained in the Plan.

2.2 **Work programme update 2023 and Suggestions for Scrutiny (Report number: OAS/WS/23/011)**

- 2.2.1 The Committee received report number OAS/WS/23/011, which updated Members on the current status of its rolling work programme of items at attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2.2 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. 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.
- 2.2.3 The Committee **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.
- 2.2.3 The Committee considered the scoping documents and terms of reference for both reviews, and nominations were sort for the Abbeycroft Leisure Strategic Review and the Transport and Infrastructure Review Task and Finish Groups.
- 2.2.4 The Chair informed the Committee 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.

2.2.5 The Committee **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.

3. Alternative options that have been considered

3.1 Please see background papers.

4. Consultation and engagement undertaken

4.1 Please see background papers.

5. Risks associated with the proposals

5.1 Please see background papers.

6. Implications arising from the proposals

6.1 Financial - Please see background papers.

6.2 Equalities - Please see background papers.

7. Appendices referenced in this report

7.1 Please see background papers.

8. Background documents associated with this report

8.1 Report number: [OAS/WS/23/010](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Cabinet Decisions Plan 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024

8.2 Report number: [OAS/WS/23/011](#) and [Appendix 1](#), [Appendix 2](#), [Appendix 3](#), [Appendix 4](#), [Appendix 5](#) and [Appendix 6](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update 2023 and Suggestions for Scrutiny