

COUNCILLORS

Boyd Elliott (Chairman)
Glynn Gilfoyle (Vice-Chairman)

Jim Creamer
Kate Foale
Eric Kerry - **Apologies**
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle

Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley
Sam Smith
Jason Zadrozny - **Apologies**

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Philip Owen for Councillor Eric Kerry
Councillor Tom Hollis for Councillor Jason Zadrozny.

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Barnfather
Councillor David Martin
Councillor Mike Pringle
Councillor Tracey Taylor

Officers

Sara Allmond
Martin Elliott
Heather Dickinson

Keith Palframan
Noel McMenamin
Adrian Smith
Marje Toward

Advanced Democratic Services Officer
Senior Scrutiny Officer
Group Manager, Legal, Democratic and Information
Governance
Financial Services Team Manager
Democratic Services Officer
Corporate Director, Place
Service Director, Customers, Governance and
Employees

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Eric Kerry (Other Council Business)
Councillor Jason Zadrozny (Other Reasons).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was explained that the Committee Terms of Reference had been agreed at Full Council on 31 March 2022 and that its membership had been approved at Full Council on 12 May 2022. The Overview Committee did not have the authority to amend its own Terms of Reference.

The Committee membership and Terms of Reference were noted.

4. WORK PROGRAMME – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM

The Committee received a presentation on Overview Committee work planning from Adrian Smith, Corporate Director, Place and Overview and Scrutiny Lead Officer, and Marje Toward, Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees.

The presentation set out the following:

- the Council's new Scrutiny Structure, and how it related to existing scrutiny arrangements.
- an elaboration of the scrutiny and review role, for example examining services, identifying improvements, questioning decision takers, championing issues of public concern and helping shape policies and strategies.
- the principles underpinning the overview and scrutiny function, including focussing on:
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 - issues of high importance to residents.
 - service performance improvements.
 - areas where committees could reasonably influence.
 - avoiding duplication of effort elsewhere.
 - the resources available to conduct scrutiny activity.
- an explanation of the work programming and scrutiny review processes, from identifying issues through to reviewing and evaluating scrutiny work; and
- the Overview Committee work schedule, including consideration of the Council Budget.

During the discussion which followed, Committee members proposed a number of potential areas for scrutiny activity, forming a 'long-list', for consideration either by the Overview Committee or one of its Select Committees, as follows:

- Review of Highways Maintenance.
- Waste Recycling Centre Review.
- GP Practice provision.
- Cost of Living Crisis – Impact on residents.
- Public Transport provision (bus services and rural services);
- Levelling Up agenda and impact on residents.
- Freeport (governance, impact on high quality jobs and environment);
- Council Plan delivery and performance monitoring.
- Impact of social care reforms.
- Academisation.
- Local Authority Multi-Academy Trusts.
- Education Health Care Plans.
- Integrated Child Development Services.
- Transition from Child to Adult Social Care Services.
- School Building Projects.
- Continuation of Highways Review Panel activity.
- Review of Property portfolio.
- Shareholder reporting from companies and Category A bodies.
- Integrated Care System.
- ICT and Adult Social Care – impact on frontline staff.
- Relationship between Via East Midlands and the Council.
- Relationship between Veolia and the Council.
- Recruitment and retention in Adult Social Services.
- Overview of public consultation – including hard-to-reach groups.

In conclusion, the Chairman advised that he would work with Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, as well as Scrutiny lead officers, to prioritise areas for scrutiny activity and compile work programmes for this Committee and Select Committees in time for the September/October 2022 round of Committee meetings.

The meeting closed at 2.43pm

CHAIRMAN