

ORGANISATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 JULY 2021

Present:

Councillor Richard Welton (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor Maggie Jones
Councillor Diana Ruff

Councillor John Funnell
Councillor Pat Kerry
Councillor Philip Wright

Also Present:

S Veerman Overview and Scrutiny Manager
D Stanton Governance Officer

OSC/ Apologies for Absence

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1-22 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Foster and H Liggett.

OSC/ Declarations of Interest

11/2

1-22 Members were requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest, not already on their register of interest, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

OSC/ Minutes of Last Meeting

12/2

1-22 **RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Informal Organisation Scrutiny Committee held on 11 May 2021 be noted and recommended that the Committee approves them at its next formal meeting.

The Committee discussed the previous review into homeworking and the potential to review the Council's Agile Working Policy to see how it had been implemented.

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager informed Members that the Scrutiny Reviews from the previous Municipal Year would be presented at the next meeting of Council.

OSC/ Remit of Committee

13/2

1-22 The Overview and Scrutiny Manager detailed a number of key points in relation to Scrutiny at North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC). Members were provided with the Terms of Reference for the Organisation Scrutiny Committee, Growth Scrutiny Committee, Communities Scrutiny Committee, and the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee.

Members were reminded that the Committees' Terms of Reference provided the basis for the Committees' remit.

The Committee noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Manager was responsible for three Scrutiny Committees at the Council, and that on some occasions, particular issues could fall within the functions of two or more Scrutiny Committees. It was stated that at this point, it would be up to the Chairs' to decide which Committee would be best suited to review that particular topic.

Members were reminded that Scrutiny was a mechanism in which Council performance could be monitored. That included monitoring performance, monitoring action plans, being alert to service information, and monitoring Cabinet decisions.

The Committee heard that following a Scrutiny Review it could make a series of recommendations to Cabinet. It was advised, however, that Scrutiny could not make decisions or policies.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

OSC/ Selection of Scrutiny Review Topic

14/2

1-22 Members discussed a number of potential topics to review in the new Municipal Year which included waste management services; procurement and outsourcing services; ICT and the Council's Transformation Programme; Council Policy interpretation, implementation and work ethics; staff turnover; and whistleblowing. The Committee agreed that a review on the Council's ICT and Transformation Programme was their preferred topic.

In order to scope the Review, the Committee requested to speak to a number of Members and Officers including the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Transformation and Climate Change; the Director of Corporate Resources and Head of Paid Service; the Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, and the HR and OD Manager.

OSC/ Draft Work Programme

15/2

1-22 AGREED – That the draft Work Programme for the Organisation Scrutiny Committee 2021-22 be noted.

OSC/ Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

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1-22 AGREED – That the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions be noted.

OSC/ Additional Urgent Items

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1-22 There were no additional urgent items discussed at this meeting.

OSC/ Date of Next Meeting

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1-22 The next meeting of the Organisation Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 31 August 2021 at 10.00 am.