

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 22 JULY 2022

Present:

Councillor Kevin Tait (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor Tony Lacey
Councillor Jeff Lilley

Councillor Lilian Deighton
Councillor Heather Liggett

Also Present:

K Eastwood	Joint Assistant Director - Environmental Health Service
S Lee	Assistant Director of Transformation & Communications and SIRO
D Stanton	Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

CSC/ Apologies for Absence

1/22-

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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Hall and P Wheelhouse.

CSC/ Declarations of Interest

2/22-

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

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

CSC/ Minutes of Last Meeting

3/22-

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RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 20 May 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

CSC/ CCTV in Taxis

4/22-

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The Joint Assistant Director - Environmental Health Service delivered a verbal update on the progress of the CCTV in Taxis scheme. Members heard that the Council had found a CCTV system supplier and awarded them the contract, therefore the process was ahead of schedule and Licensing would hope to see installations made after September.

Members were informed that the next steps would be for Licensing to discuss the practicalities with the supplier, and for all Licence holders to be sent correspondence giving them notice of the installations.

Members enquired about protocols that would be in place relating to data protection. They were informed that the chosen supplier would have very tight data protection controls in place, and data protection training would be given to drivers and Licensing officers.

Members enquired if there were provisions in place for drivers who would be coming from outside the District (with Licences from outside the District) and no CCTV camera installed. They were informed that Licensing had asked the Government for standardisation across the board to prevent those situations.

Members suggested that the Council should clearly mark its taxis with CCTV inside, because people might want to choose them to feel safer. They also suggested that the Communications department should advertise the scheme once it was ready to begin. The Joint Assistant Director - Environmental Health Service stated that these suggestions would be considered by Licensing officers.

Members discussed controls in place for drivers who refused to install the systems in their vehicles. The Joint Assistant Director - Environmental Health Service informed them that so far, driver feedback had been positive.

RESOLVED – That Committee notes the update.

CSC/ **Climate Change Strategy**

**5/22-
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The Assistant Director - Transformation and Communication delivered a progress report on the refresh of the Climate Change Strategy 2022-2030.

Members discussed the content of the report. They enquired if the external cladding being used was the appropriate type, and were informed that there was particular focus on cladding quality in the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Members enquired if there were plans to bring more electronic charging points to the District. They were informed that the Estates department were investigating the possibility.

Members felt that it was also important to focus on other methods of energy consumption as well as just car fuel. They were informed that the Council would be doing a 'Thanks a Tonne' campaign to try and educate people on all carbon emissions.

Members suggested stricter energy controls for businesses in procurement processes. The Assistant Director - Transformation and Communication explained that this could be unfair to small businesses, as they would be unable to produce the same climate strategy as a large company.

Members enquired if the Council had considered Carbon offsets. The Assistant Director - Transformation and Communication explained that there were plans to do offsets with Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED – That Committee notes the update.

CSC/ Remit of the Committee

**6/22-
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The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained to Members the current remit of the Communities Scrutiny Committee, including the terms of reference of the Committee and how the Committee operated.

CSC/ Selection of Scrutiny Review Topic

**7/22-
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Members discussed potential scrutiny review topics for Communities Scrutiny Committee to undertake during the municipal year 2022/23.

Members requested a review of Leisure and wellbeing provision for older residents.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that a project plan for the review would be drafted, and Scoping and Scene Setting for the review would be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

CSC/ Draft Work Programme

**8/22-
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The Chair explained that based on earlier discussions about CCTV in Taxis being ahead of schedule, the entries for in in the Work Programme might need amending.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.

CSC/ Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

**9/22-
23**

The Chair requested that future Forward Plan updates to Communities Scrutiny Committee include the whole Plan in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions be noted.

CSC/ Additional Urgent Items

**10/2
2-23**

There were no additional urgent items.

CSC/ Date of Next Meeting

**11/2
2-23**

The next meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee would be held on Friday 16 September at 1:30pm.