

ORGANISATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2022

Present:

Councillor Stephen Clough (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor John Funnell
Councillor Pat Kerry
Councillor Philip Wright

Councillor David Drabble
Councillor Maggie Jones
Councillor Diana Ruff

Also Present:

D Stanton Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Scott Governance and Scrutiny Officer

OSC/ Apologies for Absence

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2-23 No apologies for absence were received.

OSC/ Declarations of Interest

12/2

2-23 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.

No declarations of interest were declared.

OSC/ Minutes of Last Meeting

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2-23 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Organisation Scrutiny Committee held on 24 May 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

OSC/ Remit of the Committee

14/2

2-23 The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained to Members the current remit of the Organisation Scrutiny Committee, including the terms of reference of the Committee and how the Committee operated.

OSC/ Selection of Scrutiny Review Topic

15/2

2-23 Members discussed potential scrutiny review topics for Organisation Scrutiny Committee to undertake during the municipal year 2022/23.

Members agreed they would like to see a scrutiny review focused on the subject of Planning, particularly the multi-department processes that were followed and procedures in place for enforcement and governance arrangements.

The Chair explained that the Planning review suggestion would be discussed with the Senior Scrutiny Officer after the meeting, to identify how to approach the review, given that Planning was within the remit of the Growth Scrutiny Committee. The Senior Scrutiny Officer advised that the review would have to focus on the Organisational aspects of Planning. The Assistant Director of Planning would be invited to the next meeting to help scope the review.

Members requested that another update be provided to the Committee on how Agile Working was developing and the plans for the Mill Lane building, as well as staff turnover and current vacancy rates at the Council.

OSC/ Review Report

16/2

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The Committee were presented with a draft Scrutiny Review Report on ICT and Transformation. The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that if the Committee approved the report, it would then be submitted to Cabinet.

RESOLVED – That the Scrutiny Review Report on ICT and Transformation be approved.

OSC/ Draft Work Programme

17/2

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The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that on the subject of staff turnover, in addition to the HR & OD Manager being scheduled to come to the next Committee meeting, the Director of Finance and Resources & S151 Officer would also be asked to attend a future Organisation Scrutiny Committee meeting to discuss the same issue.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.

OSC/ Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

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

OSC/ Additional Urgent Items

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There were no additional urgent items.

OSC/ Date of Next Meeting

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The next meeting of the Organisation Scrutiny Committee would be held on the 6 September at 3pm.