

## **ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **NOTES OF INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2025**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Caroline Smith (Chair) (in the Chair)  
Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Richard Beech  
Councillor Fran Petersen

Councillor Tony Lacey  
Councillor Charlotte Cupit

#### **Also Present:**

J Hayden                      Senior Scrutiny Officer  
T Fuller                      Senior Governance Officer

#### **Other Attendees:**

Councillor Ross Shipman              Observer

#### **1      Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Dale, C Renwick and L Deighton.

Councillor C Cupit attended as a substitute for Councillor A Dale.

#### **2      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3      Wingerworth Lido**

The Chair welcomed everyone and explained the informal meeting was to facilitate an initial discussion on whether to take forward the Motion on Wingerworth Lido that had been agreed at Council on 22 September 2025. The Chair advised that this was a confidential meeting and requested that procedures for “closed” meetings were followed.

The Motion had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

The Committee Members considered the Motion and accepted that as it was creating significant interest that it should form part of its work programme.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer stated that in case the Committee should take this Motion forward then some preparatory work had started. This included looking at what evidence would need to be gathered, and which stakeholders should be invited to participate. An initial draft survey to seek views of stakeholders and residents etc. had been drawn up with the assistance of the Information and Improvement Team.

The Committee Members discussed how to proceed and how best to engage with as wide a demographic as possible. Members were keen to hold a drop-in session during the consultation period, with the date confirmed before the consultation went live. It was noted that all evidence gathered would be considered at a formal meeting of the Committee.

A draft timeline for progressing the Motion was discussed. This included having the consultation live in time for the next formal meeting on 17 November 2025. At the November meeting an overview of the preparatory work would be provided, as well as an update on the consultation. The Committee considered that it may then need to hold an additional meeting, once the consultation had closed to consider all responses and evidence.

#### **4      Date of Next Meeting**

This item would be picked up at the next formal meeting of the Committee on 17 November 2025 at 3.30 pm.