



## Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at The Jeffrey Room - The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Monday 4 December 2023 at 6.00 pm.

### **Present:**

Councillor André González De Savage (Chair)  
Councillor Alison Eastwood (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb  
Councillor William Barter  
Councillor Paul Joyce  
Councillor Terrie Eales  
Councillor Kevin Parker

### **Also Present:**

Councillor Phil Larratt, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste  
Ian Achurch, Head of Economic Growth & Sustainability– Highways and Transport (North Northants Council)  
Matt O’Connell, Safer Roads Team Manager, Northants Police

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor Terry Gilford  
Councillor James Hill  
Councillor Sue Sharps

### **Officers:**

Stuart Timmiss, Executive Director - Place, Economy and Environment  
Nick Henstock, Assistant Director for Highways and Transport  
Tracy Tiff, Deputy Democratic Services Manager  
Marina Watkins, Committee Officer

#### **1. Declarations of Interest**

None advised

#### **2. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair advised that the meeting would be very short and would be followed by the first meeting of the Task and Finish Group to review the VOI scooter trial.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Phil Larratt, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste, Ian Achurch, Head of Economic Growth & Sustainability– Highways

and Transport (North Northants Council) and Matt O'Connell, Safer Roads Team Manager, Northants Police to the meeting.

**3. Task and Finish Group - Scrutiny review of the VOI Scooters Trial**

The Chair advised that the Task and Finish group will submit its final report to the Cabinet meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Councillor Barter considered that thought should be given to whether misuse of the scooters was a police matter or a breach of the VOI contract.

The Chair considered that the fact sheet provided by Officers was very useful. It was noted that the minimum age to use the scooters had been increased from 16 to 18 years of age.

The Committee considered the scope of the review and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

That the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee confirmed the scope for the scrutiny review of the VOI scooters trial.

**4. Urgent Business**

None advised

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_