



Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Group

Minutes of a meeting of the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Group held as a Virtual Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 30 November 2021 at 6.00 pm.

Present Councillor Danielle Stone (In the Chair)
 Councillor Dermot Bambridge
 Councillor Karen Cooper
 Councillor Jo Gilford
 Councillor Andrew Grant
 Councillor Rosie Herring

Officers Tracy Tiff, Deputy Democratic Services Manager
 James Edmunds, Democratic Services Assistant Manager
 Richard Woods, Democratic Services Officer

20. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 6 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

22. Chair's Announcements

The Chair advised that, owing to there being no business to consider, the 17 January 2022 meeting of the Committee had been cancelled.

23. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

24. Work Programmes 2021/2022 for the three Scrutiny Committees: Corporate, Place and People

The Group received an extensive verbal update from the Chairs of each of the three Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Corporate, People and Place on their respective Committee Work Programmes for 2021-2022.

The Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee explained that the early months of 2022 would be filled mainly by the Draft Budget 2022/2023 scrutiny process. The Chair advised that a Task and Finish Group had been set up to review the council's expenses policy, however the commencement had been delayed in order to allow for the finalisation of the expenses policy. Further task and finish groups had also been agreed for the future, to look at treasury management, and asset management.

The Chair of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided a verbal update on the Place work programme and advised that the Committee reviewed the North West Relief Road and had received a presentation from the Executive Director – Place and Economy which covered future checks and balances on contracts and projects. A task and finish group had also been set up to review the Council's tree policy, and further task and finish groups were under consideration.

The Chair of People Overview and Scrutiny Committee stated that lots of work was ongoing to assess the impact of the latest government COVID guidance and compulsory vaccination for care workers on service provision. Additional focus was also directed towards the performance of Northamptonshire Children's Services and the development of the Integrated Care across Northamptonshire (iCAN) function, and a number of task and finish groups to look at potential issues such as rough sleeping, sports and leisure provision, broadband provision for young people leaving local authority care and adult social care transformation were under consideration.

Following the verbal update on the committee work programmes, the Chairs of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee also reviewed potential cross-cutting scrutiny themes, including highways contracts, major contracts and capital contracts, housing, and economic strategy.

Resolved

- (1) That each of the work programmes for the three Overview and Scrutiny Committees be agreed.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____