



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15th AUGUST 2018

PRESENT: Councillor J Oates (Chair), Councillors M Summers, C Cooke, R Ford, S Goodall, T Jay, B Price, P Standen and J Faulkner

CABINET Councillor D Cook

The following officers were present: John Day (Corporate Performance Officer), Jo Hutchison (Democratic and Elections Officer) and Ryan Keyte (Head of Legal & Democratic Services)

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Simon People. Councillor John Faulkner attended the meeting as Councillor People's substitute.

22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor P Standen and seconded by Councillor S Goodall)

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

24 UPDATE FROM CHAIR

The Chair gave the following updates:

The Prayers to Full Council Working Group Report which had been considered and recommended by this Committee at its meeting on 11 July would be considered by Council at its next meeting under Matters referred to Council in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

There had been a slight delay on the consultation proposed on the Live Streaming/Webcasting Working Group.

There had been some progress made by the sub-groups for Support for Members Working Group which would be reported to a future meeting.

25 FORWARD PLAN 2018/19

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for 2018/19.

The Committee agreed that a hyperlink would be attached to the agendas for future meetings such that the most up to date version of the Forward Plan was available.

26 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/19

The Leader of the Council provided the Corporate Scrutiny Committee with a performance and financial health-check. The report would be considered by Cabinet on 6th September 2018. Councillor Cook invited questions from the Committee.

The Committee sought clarification on a number of areas in the report which included:

- the utilisation of discretionary benefit awards,
- the Government's proposals on non-domestic rates retention,
- retaining control over any services if consideration were to be given to sharing services,
- external borrowings.

It was noted that there had been an increased number of business properties occupied whilst growth had remained constant.

RESOLVED that:

1. the Committee endorsed the Quarter 1 Performance Report 2018/19 and its presentation to Cabinet.
2. the Leader of the Council provide an update to members on the detail behind the increase in rent arrears, the impact of Universal Credit and the impact of work to reduce the utilisation of B&B in favour of more suitable accommodation.
3. it be recommended that future versions of the report include reference to completed / implemented items before such items were removed from the following quarter's report, so completion of items were visible and recorded.
4. the improvement in the performance measures for crime and incidents of anti-social behaviour be noted.
5. clarification be provided on the data protection performance measures within the report.
6. an update be provided on the staff attitude survey by the Leader of the Council.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor S Goodall).

27 WORK PLAN REVIEW

The Chair reported that the Committee had received the Cabinet minutes from the previous twelve months in order to review the decisions made by Cabinet and to support the identification by the Committee of any items for scrutiny by this Committee or to make recommendations to another scrutiny committee for its review.

The Committee considered the minutes and identified various items for further review by a scrutiny committee.

RESOLVED that:

1. Installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems to Leasehold Flats and Flats at Eringden (Cabinet Minute item 21) would be considered by this Committee on 10th October 2018
2. Private Sector Housing – Housing Enforcement Policy (Cabinet Minute item 32) would be considered by this Committee on 10th October 2018
3. Customer Portal (Cabinet Minute item 38) Councillor Pritchard would be invited to a future meeting of this Committee
4. Increase Disabled Facilities Grant (Cabinet Minute item 31) would be recommended for a written update to the Health and Wellbeing Committee
5. Castle HLF Project Update (Cabinet Minute item 41) would continue to be considered by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee
6. Public Space Protection Orders (Cabinet Minute item 50) would continue to be scrutinised by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee
7. Council Tenants Fire Safety Strategy (Cabinet Minute item 51) an annual review would be recommended for consideration by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee
8. Anti-Social Behaviour Policy (Cabinet Minute item 52) would continue to be considered by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee
9. Festive Ward Grant Proposal (Cabinet Minute item 53) a working group of Councillors Simon People, Simon Goodall, Richard Ford and Martin Summers be formed to report back to this Committee
10. Tamworth Borough Council CCTV Resilience and Development (Cabinet Minute item 78) would be considered by the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Committee
11. Future meetings of the Committee would consider a review of the senior management restructuring, the constitutional working group and the corporate investment strategy.

28 2018/19 SCRUTINY WORK COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

RESOLVED: That Members approved the Work Plan for 2018/19.

(Agreed by all Members in attendance.)

Corporate Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan 2018 - 2019	
DATE	SUBJECT
Quarter 1 – 15 th August Quarter 2 – 14 th November Quarter 3 - 6 th February Quarter 4 – TBC	Quarterly Performance Reports;
10 th October	Combined Authority Scrutiny
10 th October	Fire Sprinkler Systems and Private Sector Housing – Enforcement Policy
10 th October	Gungate Site – Working Group (JO, RF, SG, CC (provisional) and Labour Group to nominate two attendees).
10 th October	Live Streaming/Webcasting Council Meetings – Working Group (JO, MS, PS, CC, RF, SP)
10 th October	Support for Members – Working Group (JO, MS, PS, CC, RF, SP, TJ, SG, BP
10 th October / 14 th November	Festive Ward Grant - Working Group (SP, SG, RF and MS)
14 th November	Garage Sites
TBC / 14 th November	Customer Portal – Councillor Pritchard to be invited
TBC	Isolation – Working Group (TJ, JF and RB from H&W Scrutiny and JO, SP and CC from Corporate Scrutiny)
TBC	Budget Scrutiny – Working Group (TJ, RF, CC, PS, SP)
TBC	Housing Allocation Policy – Joint Scrutiny with H&W Scrutiny.
Ongoing	Tenants Consultancy Group – Ongoing Updates after any meeting.
TBC/Ongoing	Chairs Updates to other Committees (format to be decided)
TBC	Review of senior management restructuring
TBC	Constitutional working group
TBC	Corporate investment strategy

Upcoming Corporate Scrutiny Committee Meetings
Wednesday 10 th October 2018
Wednesday 14 th November 2018
Wednesday 14 th February 2019

Chair