

MINUTES OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 JULY 2021

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors Eccleson (Chair), Gillias, Mrs Hassell, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Parker, Roodhouse and Dr Williams

Officers:

Dan Green (Deputy Executive Director), Aftab Razzaq (Chief Officer – Legal and Governance) and Linn Ashmore (Democratic Services Officer)

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 8 March 2021 and 20 May 2021 were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Mahoney.

6. DRAFT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

The Committee received a report (Part 1 – agenda item 4) regarding the draft annual report for the 2020/21 municipal year.

The Committee placed on record its appreciation of the work of Councillor Mahoney as Chair of the committee for the 2020/21 municipal year.

RESOLVED THAT – the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21 be submitted to Council with a recommendation that the report be published.

7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received a table listing future work programme topics, items due to be scheduled and outlining the current position of reviews (Part 1 – agenda item 6).

It was acknowledged that regular meetings held between the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Executive Director and Council Leader had proved useful in the past and should continue.

The Committee discussed topics for inclusion in the work programme. Some suggestions included:

- The grass cutting service particularly in relation to communication with residents and safety aspects.
- The broader topic of communication and the way the Council engages with residents regarding service changes.
- Maintenance of road drains and gullies by Warwickshire County Council.

- Actions and associated issues faced by the Council linked to the pandemic response.

These could consist of short pieces of work providing some quick wins.

RESOLVED THAT – the following items be included in the work programme:

- (1) Discussions with each Portfolio Holder and Chief Officer.
- (2) A record of past Council Motions and outcomes.

8. MOTIONS

The Committee received a report on a Motion from Council on the topic of town centre heritage (Part 1 – agenda item 6).

Members considered the report of the Review of Town Centre Heritage carried out in 2017 and the table of review recommendations with recent information from officers at page 4 of the covering report.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) updated review recommendations 2, 4 and 7 be dealt with in line with the comments made by officers;
- (2) outstanding review recommendations 6 and 9 be actioned; and
- (3) review recommendation 5 be referred to the Rugby Art Gallery and Museum Working Party.

CHAIR