

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Friday 5 October 2018 at 9.30 am

Members

Councillor Janet Farebrother (Chair)
Councillor John Cook
Councillor Frank Johnston
Councillor Jim Osborn
Councillor Martin Wood

Councillor Alan Pitcher (Co-Chair)
Councillor Joseph Cowell
Councillor Billy Miskelly
Councillor Bill Pegram

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Malcolm Grainger, Councillor Hilary Harrington and Councillor Joe Holliday

Staff Present

A FitzGerald, I Hinde and G Roach

197. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2018 were signed as a correct record.

198. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

199. Questions

None received.

200. Public Participation

None received.

201. Forward Plan

Members noted the Forward Plan of Key and Non-Key Decisions.

202. Task and Finish Group Memberships

The Policy Officer (Scrutiny and Partnerships) notified the Committee that due to recent changes in committee memberships a new Chair of the Budget Task and Finish Group (TFG) was required.

Two options were available to the group, to appoint a new Chair to the Budget TFG or to merge the Budget TFG and the Performance TFG.

Member's preference was to keep the two groups separate, so not to lose the knowledge and experience gained by the members who sat on that group.

Councillor B Miskelly proposed Councillor J Cowell as the new Chair of the Budget TFG. This was seconded by Councillor A Pitcher, and unanimously agreed.

Agreed

That Councillor Joe Cowell be appointed as Chair of the Budget Task and Finish Group.

203. Work Programme

The Committee discussed their June meeting when they had received presentations from contract holders and providers of training and support services for unemployed people in Allerdale.

Members felt a follow up meeting with LEP was necessary to understand what the process was, how the finance worked down from Government and how did it filter down to the people.

The Policy Officer (Scrutiny and Partnerships) also informed members that the Leader of the Council was no longer available to attend the Committee meeting scheduled for 6 November 2018. It was suggested that the date be used for the LEP presentation as recently discussed and a new date be added In January 2019 for the Leader to attend.

204. Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy Task and Finish Group

The Policy Officer (Scrutiny and Partnerships) notified the Committee that the previously agreed date of 1 November 2018 for the Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy TFG was to be rescheduled as it had been confirmed the draft Strategy would not be ready by then. The Council was still waiting on suggested dates from the Director of Public Health but it was thought likely to be December.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am