

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Friday 28 June 2019 at 9.30 am

Members

Councillor Alan Pitcher (Chair)

Councillor Carmel Bell

Councillor John Crouch

Councillor Iain Greaney

Councillor Joe Holliday

Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes

Councillor Nicky Cockburn

Councillor Malcolm Grainger

Councillor Michael Heaslip

Councillor Daniel Horsley

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tony Annison and Councillor Adrian Kirkbride

Staff Present

A FitzGerald, N Hardy, I Hinde, J Irving and L Jardine

36. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2019 and 11 April 2019 were signed as a correct record.

37. Declaration of Interests

None Declared

38. Questions

None Received

39. Public Participation

None Received

40. Co-Chairs Introduction

Councillor Alan Pitcher as co-chair made his introductions, advising that the Overview and Scrutiny Group should be non-political and that the aim is to constructively work together.

Councillor Iain Greaney as co-chair then made his introductions, sharing with the committee his professional background and that he wants the Overview and Scrutiny to constructively challenge and to ask appropriate and relevant questions.

41. Forward Plan

To assist the committee, officers provided clarification on the forward plan including explanations of key decisions.

Members then discussed the forward plan items including the Rugby League World Cup, the Allonby to Silloth Cycle Way and 2019/20 Members Allowance Scheme, acknowledging that most of the items are standard items.

Discussion then moved onto the difference between the Audit and Overview and Scrutiny functions.

42. Work Programme

Members discussed the work programme and identified that they need to look at the waste contract and that they need further information, Cllr Pitcher suggested that a waste 'task and finish group' should be the appropriate way forward. The Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance acknowledged that a 'task and finish' group could work but recommended that due to legal implications the co-chairs should first discuss the waste contract with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

Members then shared further concerns with the waste contract and the challenges facing the Council. They also felt that communication between members and officers on the subject of waste could be improved and requested that officers hold member briefings.

Members discussed the items that should be added onto the forward plan including items that would be carried over from last year.

Members agreed that the following items should be provisionally added onto the work programme,

- Refresh and Review of the Leisure Strategy
- Annual Update from the Community Safety Partnership
- Review of recent Community Services Procurement
- Rural Issues, particularly considering addressing social exclusion.
- Climate emergency and related issues

Members will consider whether Brexit and proposed Stadium Development should be added onto the Work Programme when further information becomes available.

43. Executive / Scrutiny Protocol

Members discussed the arrangements and relationships with the Executive Committee and how that would work going forward.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am

