

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in Council Chamber, Allerdale House on Friday 27 May 2022 at 1.30 pm

Members

Councillor Michael Heaslip (Co-Chair)

Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes (Co-Chair)

Councillor Barbara Cannon

Councillor John Cook

Councillor Allan Daniels

Councillor Malcolm Grainger

Councillor Iain Greaney

Councillor Daniel Horsley

Councillor Sally Lansbury

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Patrick Gorrill and Councillor Paul Scott

Staff Present

T Godfrey, N Hardy and G Roach

25. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2022 were signed as a correct record.

The Chair welcomed Councillor B Cannon to her first meeting.

26. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

27. Questions

None received.

28. Public Participation

None received.

29. Verbal Update on Local Government Reorganisation

The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Economic Strategy) provided members with a verbal update on the current position.

The election for new members had now taken place, the Shadow Authority was now up and running and held its first Council meeting on 17 May 2022.

There was to be a reset on current workstreams and a number of new workstreams would be set up in support for the Shadow Authority going forward.

A draft blueprint for the authority was now complete, planning out how services would look from day one, which had gone to the Programme Board for consideration.

Members asked what the impact was on resources in Allerdale BC, it was explained that the work required was definitely increasing however was not having too much of an impact at the moment. This was to be continually reviewed.

Agreed

That the update be noted.

30. Forward Plan

The forward plan was noted.

31. Work Programme 2022-23

The Committee considered a list of draft items recommended for inclusion in the Work Programme for 2022-23 set against monthly meeting dates starting in May 2022 through to February 2023 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

It was raised that if the Levelling up Fund bid submission was due in June as per the Forward Plan, then members would like a summary update at their June Committee meeting.

With regards to the Quarter 4 Finance update report due to go to the July Executive meeting, members asked if the timetable allowed that they be included in the June Committee meeting.

With regards to the Monitoring of Regeneration Programmes, members requested that as the Maryport project was coming to a critical point that this update be brought to the June Committee meeting leaving the Workington project update for the July meeting.

Members discussed adding an additional meeting date in for March 2023 currently not included in the calendar of meetings, to allow for any 'mop up' of work and as a last legacy meeting before the hand over to the new Cumberland Authority. All members were in agreement.

The Committee then considered three proposed Task and Finish reviews and members volunteered to take part, as follows;

1 – Access to Health Services – GPs and Dentistry – Cllrs C McCarron-Holmes, M Grainger, J Cook and I Greaney

2 – Customer Services – Cllrs M Grainger as Chair, A Daniels and B Cannon

3 – Democratic Participation in Voting – Councillors C McCarron-Holmes and S Lansbury

It was suggested that TFG 1 and 2 be carried out in the first half of the municipal year and TFG 3 in the second half of the municipal year.

An invitation to join the newly established TFGs would also be extended to all Allerdale members outside of the Scrutiny Committee.

Agreed

That –

1. The draft Work Programme for 2022-23 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved subject to the agreed above amendments;
2. An additional meeting date be added for March 2023;
3. Three Task and Finish Groups be established as proposed in Appendix 1 of the report with membership as agreed in the meeting;
4. An invitation be sent to all Allerdale members for expressions of interest to join the three newly established TFGs.

32. Reprovision of Leisure Facilities in Keswick (Delivery Plan 2022-23)

This item was withdrawn as the matter was now subject to a call-in.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm