

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Meeting: 25 September 2023
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Colin Foster (Chair) in the chair; Councillor David Sedgwick (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Joe Barratt, Christine Carrigan and Claire Vibert.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 3 July 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject Under Minute 5 – ‘Process for Portfolio Performance and Resource Agreements’ to the addition of the following comment as a supplement to the third bullet point:-

“It was further stated that the format and presentation of the reports meant that members were not provided with sufficient information to make assessment around progress and performance.”

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

3. CALL-IN

There were no call-in items to consider.

4. PORTFOLIO DASHBOARDS

A representative of the Director of Strategy submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Scrutiny Committee to consider whether it remained appropriate to retain the Portfolio Dashboards item on agendas for meetings of scrutiny committees where the Portfolio Performance and Resources Reports are not otherwise included on the agenda.

It was noted that in November 2021 the Committee had resolved that the ‘Portfolio Dashboards’ should be included as a standing item, however in practice, the retrospective nature of the dashboards has meant that none of the scrutiny committees have ever made use of the opportunity to ask any further questions when this item has been listed on the agenda.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the rescission of the decision of the meeting of the Committee on 8 November 2021 relating to the inclusion of a standing item on the agenda for each of the five service-based scrutiny committees in relation to the portfolio dashboards (Minute 4 refers).

5. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

The Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted the draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 (copies of which had been circulated).

It was commented that the abortive scrutiny review proposed by the Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee relating to EV charging appeared incongruous as it did not have a membership for the review panel listed against it. In response, it was stated that as the review was abandoned at a very early stage, a full complement of members had not been appointed to sit on the panel, however this position could be reflected in the commentary included in the final version of the report.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be approved for submission to the next ordinary meeting of the Council Meeting pending the inclusion of a foreword to be drafted by the Chair of the Committee.

(2) That the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee be requested to move and second the report upon its presentation to the Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm