

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL DECISIONS

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2024

PRESENT:

Councillors J Aberley, B Emery, K Hoptroff, C Jebb, M Johnson,
L Malyon, P Roberts and L Swindlehurst

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor(s) C Atkins, M Gledhill, M Swindlehurst, P Wilkinson,
C Wood and N Yates

APOLOGIES: Councillors A Hart, A Church, T Holmes, P Hughes and G Taylor

12 **NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS, IF ANY**

Councillor Wilkinson was substitute member for Councillor Hart.

13 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the meeting held on 22 May 2024, be approved as a correct record.

14 **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS, IF ANY (24 HOURS NOTICE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CHAIRMAN)**

There were none.

15 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

No interests were declared.

16 **QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS, IF ANY**

None had been received.

17 **WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

That the Work Programme be approved.

18 **ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT**

The report provided councillors with a summary of the work undertaken by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Committees during 2023/24.

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During 2023/24, the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panels and newly established Committees continued to scrutinise performance internally/externally, held the Cabinet to account and contributed to policy development. The range of work and issues considered by each Panel and Committee during 2023/24 were summarised in sections 6 - 11 of the report.

Overall, members were of the opinion that scrutiny was more focussed, relevant and member led. However, improvements could still be made around evidenced based research and key performance indicators.

It was noted that the timeliness of the publication of reports could be improved and that changes to meeting dates should be kept to a minimum.

Members were pleased with the various training sessions which had been offered both in person and via Teams.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be received;
- 2) Comments and feedback from members was noted by the Democratic Services Team.

19 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chair moved:-

"That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 100 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated."

20 **EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME (ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN) - PRESENTATION**

The Panel gave consideration to a presentation on the Efficiency Programme (Asset Management Plan).

21 **EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY**

Members were updated on the progress with the implementation of the Council's Empty Property Strategy.

22 **EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes from the meeting held on 22 May 2024, be approved as a correct record.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am

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