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To: Councillors Bailey, Barkley (Deputy Leader), Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer, Morgan (Leader), Poland, Rattray and Rollings (for attention)

All other members of the Council
(for information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to be held in Committee Room 1, at the Council Offices, Southfields, Loughborough on Thursday, 13th October 2022 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

30th September 2022

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT – SCRUTINY COMMISSION REPORTS

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| 7. | <u>SOLAR FEASIBILITY FUNDING UPDATE</u> | 3 - 4 |
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A report of the Chief Executive.

Key Decision

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A report of the Head of Regulatory and Community Safety.

Key Decision

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Report of the Scrutiny Commission

FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR CARBON REDUCTION

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Feasibility Studies for Carbon Reduction report.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Strategic Director: Commercial and Economic Development.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. The £150k funding referred to in the report was intended for direct use on any measure to reduce or offset carbon. This did not include any Council resource costs such as officer time as this was part of the Council's running costs.
- ii. The Council had actively looked to reduce carbon in ways such as fleet upgrades and the potential of a new, lower carbon Council office.
- iii. Councils within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland were working to coordinate climate change efforts and the Council was taking others' strategies into account in forming a new climate change strategy.
- iv. The Council would take a prudent approach with regards to the spending of the £150k referred to in the report, ensuring due diligence throughout the process.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 37 2022/23, 10th October 2022
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Report of the Scrutiny Commission

COST OF LIVING – SUPPORT TO COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Cost of Living – Support to Communities report.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Chief Executive.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. The maximum £180k of funding from the Reinvestment Reserve would be used to directly support communities and businesses. Council resources such as officer time were part of the running costs of the Council and would not be drawn from this sum.
- ii. The Council had identified a number of themes and options which outlined the work that may be undertaken using the £180k in funding.
- iii. The Council had considered providing printed materials for distribution to target groups, in addition to the information which would be made available online. It was suggested by the Scrutiny Commission that the Council includes a wide range of noticeboards, libraries and Parish and Town Councils across the Borough to promote the support available to communities.
- iv. It was suggested that the wording in the report be changed where a 'pot of funding' was referred to. Alternative phrases to incorporate into the report were 'accounts' or 'funding schemes'.
- v. Members were encouraged to suggest initiatives and schemes offering support to communities and businesses through the Community Development Team at the Council.

- vi. The Big Switch programme was not available at this time. However, when the programme became available again the Council would look to reinstate this form of support.
- vii. There was support available to homeowners, such as the Council Tax rebate scheme and the ECO4 scheme outlined in the report.

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CHARNWOOD DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2022

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Charnwood Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 2022 report.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Head of Regulatory and Community Safety.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. The enforcement of the PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) would rely on complaints for targeted enforcement in problem locations, as the Orders apply across the whole of the Borough and staff resources would be limited.
- ii. There had been only one report, which met the threshold of anti-social behaviour, at Stonebow Washlands within the yellow zone highlighted on the map included within the report.
- iii. Members expressed that they were grateful for the introduction of the 'dogs on leads' enforcement in the blue zone highlighted on the map included within the report, demonstrating the area of Stonebow Washlands, as this had had a positive impact on the area.
- iv. Members felt that with regards to recommendation 1, option 1 was the most appropriate course of action, as it was considered that applying the restriction to dogs on leads on the playing fields indicated on the map was not required.

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