SCRUTINY COMMISSION - MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2023

Report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources

Part A

PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE

Purpose of Report

To set out the Cabinet's responses to the recommendations of the Commission on predecision scrutiny items.

Action Requested

To note the responses to the recommendations submitted by the Commission on items considered for pre-decision scrutiny.

Policy Context

One of the principles of effective scrutiny, identified by the Centre for Public Governance and Scrutiny, is "provide a constructive critical friend challenge to the Executive".

Pre-decision Scrutiny

Since the meeting of the Commission on 6th February 2023, the Cabinet considered the following items on which the Commission undertook pre-decision scrutiny:

- A. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN
- B. REVIEW OF THE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT PLAN
- C. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Details of the Commission's consideration of these items as reported to the meeting of the Cabinet on the 12th October 2023 can be found in the minutes and exempt minutes from the Commission's meeting on 9th October 2023.

The Chair of the Commission, Councillor Seaton attended the Cabinet's meeting on the 14th September 2023 to present the Commission's reports to the Cabinet.

Cabinet Response

The Cabinet considered the Commission's reports and acknowledged the work undertaken and the views of the Commission. In particular, the Cabinet responded as follows to the reports:

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

REVIEW OF THE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT PLAN

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report:

Financial Implications

None.

Risk Management

No risks have been identified in connection with this report.

Background Papers: None

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