

## SCRUTINY COMMISSION - MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2023

### Report of the Report of the Director Finance, Governance and Contracts

#### Part A

##### SCRUTINY PANELS

##### Purpose of the Report

To review the progression of scrutiny panels.

##### Actions Requested

1. To review the progression of scrutiny panels.
2. To approve any panel scoping documents submitted.

##### Reasons

1. To ensure timely and effective scrutiny of the matter/subject.
2. To enable panel work to commence.

##### Scrutiny Panels

At the last meeting of the Scrutiny Commission it was highlighted that a Garage Strategy was in development and this could be scrutinised at the appropriate time through the pre-decision scrutiny process. Following this information, the Scrutiny Commission agreed not to progress with a scrutiny panel on Council assets. This panel has been removed from the list of scrutiny panels appended.

At the last meeting of the Scrutiny Commission, it was agreed that a briefing note be provided for the Scrutiny Commission detailing the current work being undertaken in relation to dementia friendliness and loneliness. This was considered to be a more appropriate approach than a member development training (MDT) session.

##### Budget Scrutiny Panel

The Budget Scrutiny Panel met for the first time on 24th October 2023. The outcomes of the meeting will be detailed in the minutes of that meeting, which will be published on the Council's website in due course. The panel is due to meet again on 12th December 2023.

##### Public Transport Scrutiny Panel

The Public Transport Scrutiny Panel are due to meet for the first time on 13th December 2023.

## Housing Needs Scrutiny Panel

The Housing Needs Scrutiny Panel will commence in February 2024. The Head of Strategic Housing, Democratic Services Manager and the appointed Chair of the Housing Needs Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Monk, have recently met to draft out a scoping document. The scoping document will be submitted to the January 2024 Scrutiny Commission for approval.

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Panels

Background Papers: None

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