# SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 6TH JUNE 2022

## Report of the Head of Strategic Support

## ITEM 10 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&2. To ensure timely and effective scrutiny of the matter/subject.

2. To enable panel work to commence.

#### Scrutiny Panels

## Waste Management Scrutiny Panel

The Waste Management Scrutiny Panel met on 31st March 2022 and 11th May 2022. At the meeting on 31st March 2022, the panel discussed other local authorities considered to be leaders in waste management and ways to apply to Chanrwood, taking into account demographics. The panel also looked at new research, technology and methods that could help improve recycling rates. The panel looked at the draft Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy and agreed to draft a response to the consultation.

At the meeting on 11th May 2022, the panel considered the barriers to recycling and identified ways to overcome them. The panel resolved that education campaigns on recycling would be beneficial in some areas, with a focus on contamination. The panel also resolved that further consideration and completion of this key task be scheduled for the next Panel meeting on 20th June 2022, via consideration of Collection Round data, reporting back on Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces' discussion with tenant members of the Council's Housing Management Advisory Board (tenant input) and, if possible, a contribution from Loughborough University.

## **Digital Transformation Scrutiny Panel**

The Digital Transformation Scrutiny Panel met on 29th March 2022 and 27th Aril 2022. At the meeting on 29th March 2022, the panel reviewed the updated scoping document and received more information on the ongoing projects at the council. Members fed

back to the group on the work they were assigned at the previous meeting and discussed the 'Digital Coventry' document. Head of IT and Digital and Coventry City Council attended the meeting assist with the discussion of this item. Members also received a demonstration of the planning applications digital portal and were informed about planned updates to the system. In addition, the panel had a discussion on the identification of key stakeholders. It was agreed that the Head of Customer Experience would consider key stakeholders out side of the meeting for consideration at the next meeting of the panel.

At the meeting on 27th April 2022, the panel interviewed the Council's Communications Manager, Mike Roberts about the marketing and communication of new products. The panel decided that a survey was no longer required and that their next meeting would be the final meeting of the panel.

#### Combatting Loneliness Scrutiny Panel

The Combatting Loneliness Scrutiny Panel is comprised of four members and it is anticpated that activity will start soon.

#### Promoting Tourism in Charnwood Scrutiny Panel

The Chair of the Promoting Tourism in Charnwood Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Popley has not yet met with officers to discuss the panel due to lack of officer availability. This meeting is anticpated to take place soon.

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Panels

Background Papers: None

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