

MINUTES OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors Eccleson (Chair), Edwards, Lawrence, Mahoney, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Parker and Ward

Officers:

Dan Green (Deputy Chief Executive), Aftab Razzaq (Chief Officer – Legal and Governance), Mike Connell (Chief Officer – Digital and Communications) and Linn Ashmore (Democratic Services Officer)

Also in attendance: Councillor Roodhouse

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2022 were approved, subject to the addition of Councillors Edwards and Ward as having been present.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs O'Rourke - non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being employed within the National Health Service.

19. COST OF LIVING – THEMES AND PROGRESS

The Committee received a report (Part 1 – agenda item 4) regarding an update on activities in progress and planned to support residents, businesses, and staff in response to the current cost of living issues.

The Chief Officer for Digital and Communications was present and answered questions from the Committee.

Communication was a key factor including the website, social media platforms and leafleting. Members offered support with communication through their links to other channels and leafleting.

It was agreed that a small cross-party sub-group be formed consisting of one Member from each political group with one appointed substitute for each political group. The role of the sub-group was to work with officers to support the workstreams and provide updates to the Committee on progress within the workstreams identified and to feedback to their own political groups.

Warwickshire CAVA was acting as the third sector partner and would signpost to reliable sources of information. Officers undertook to check if the Lightening Reach portal was included and to identify any other third sector partners that would be supporting the workstreams. This information would be shared with the sub-group.

Information published or shared with residents and the business community by the Council would be based on Government information to ensure accuracy.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the workstreams detailed within the report be noted;
- (2) the delivery of the workstreams be supported; and
- (3) a small cross party sub-group of the Committee be formed, made up of one Member to represent each political group. Each group would also appoint one named substitute.

20. REVIEW OF ACCESS TO EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE PROVISION

The Committee received a report marked to follow on the agenda (Part 1 – agenda item 5) regarding a revised scoping paper for the review.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the one-page strategy be approved, and a task and finish group be formed to commence work;
- (2) in consultation with members of the committee, delegated authority be granted to the task and finish group to amend the one-page strategy; and
- (3) at the end of the process the task group's review report and recommendations will be presented to the Committee for approval and submission to Cabinet for adoption.

21. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report and a table listing future work programme topics, items due to be scheduled and outlining the current position of reviews (Part 1 – agenda item 6).

RESOLVED THAT – the future work programme be agreed.

CHAIR