

# **Eden District Council**

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes**

**Date: 3 September 2020 Venue: Time: 6.45 pm**

### **Present:**

Chairman: Councillor D Banks

Vice Chairman: Councillor

Councillors: M Clark D Ryland  
D Holden G Simpkins  
D Lawson D Smith  
G Nicolson OBE D Wicks  
J Raine

Standing Deputies: Councillor K Beaty

Officers Present: Les Clark, Director of People and Place  
Amanda Yellowley, Strategic Lead - Policy, Performance and Customers

Others Present:

Democratic Services Officer: Vivien Little and Nichola Baker

### **Osc/12/9/20 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Orchard, Councillor Beaty attended as a substitute, and from Councillor Hanley.

### **Osc/13/9/20 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that

1. the public minutes Osc/01/06/20 to Osc/11/06/20; and
2. the confidential minute Osc/11/06/20

be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of these proceedings.

### **Osc/14/9/20 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Nicolson gave a personal explanation with regard to Item 5, Heart of Cumbria Update, as he was previously a Director of Heart of Cumbria. After seeking advice from Democratic Services, he would stay in the room and take part in the debate.

### **Osc/15/9/20 Eden District Council - Covid response**

Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council, gave a verbal update on the Covid Response. She thanked staff and contractors for an incredible job during this extended period.

Councillor Taylor provided details of some of the additional costs to the Council due to the Covid-19 response as well as supplying details on some of the response and subsequent recovery groups, projects and funds including the Eden Residence Hardship Fund and the Create to Connect Arts Project.

Proposed by Councillor Banks  
Seconded by Councillor Holden

and **RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

**The Chairman thanked Councillor Taylor for her attendance at the meeting.**

### **Osc/16/9/20 Heart of Cumbria update**

The Committee considered the report of the Interim Director of Corporate Services which updated the Committee on the activities of the Heart of Cumbria and plans for the future.

**The Chairman thanked Mr Owens for his attendance at the meeting.**

### **Osc/17/9/20 Corporate Performance Report: April-June 2020**

The Committee considered report CE7/20 of the Chief Executive which provided a summary of progress against the revised corporate performance targets for the period April to June 2020 and informed the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of any area of concern or issues requiring attention and the remedial activity in place to deal with these.

Members questioned the Strategic Lead – Policy, Performance and Customers on the performance plan, and requested that in future more detail be put in.

Proposed by Councillor Banks  
Seconded by Councillor Holden

And **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **Osc/18/9/20 Scrutiny Work Plans**

The Committee considered report G36/20 of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which set out the current and possible future agenda items for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report invited suggestions for possible agenda items from all non-Executive Members.

Councillor Banks invited suggestions for possible future agenda items, the following were suggested:

- Progress with arrangements for transferring assets to parish councils, to take stock of medium to long term intentions;
- Timeliness and communication of information to members;
- Fuel poverty and the Warmer Homes scheme;

- Progress against the actions detailed in the Council Plan 2019-23 in relation to the Healthy, Safe and Secure key actions, including feedback on the Housing Needs survey undertaken by Dr Bullock;
- Air quality surveys within Penrith, together with details of the air pollution levels and actions being taken to address this;
- Homelessness Strategy Deliver

Proposed by Councillor Banks  
Seconded by Councillor Lawson

And **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **Osc/19/9/20 Any Other Items which the Chairman decides are urgent**

There were no items of urgent business from the Chairman at this meeting.

### **Osc/20/9/20 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee was confirmed as 1 October 2020.

### **Osc/21/9/20 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Proposed by Councillor Banks  
Seconded by Councillor Wicks

and **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, members of the public (including the press) should be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A of the Act.

### **Osc/22/9/20 Heart of Cumbria Update**

Members of the Committee asked further questions of Gareth Owens, Director of Heart of Cumbria.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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