

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday, 24th October, 2017.

Present: Cllr David Harrington(Chairman), Cllr Gillian Corr(Interim Vice Chair), Cllr Sonia Bailey, Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Chris Clough, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Tony Hampton, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E (Vice Cllr Tracey Stott), Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Matthew Vickers, Cllr David Wilburn.

Officers: Judith Trainer, Peter Mennear, Kirsty Wannop(DCE)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley(Vice-Chairman),Cllr Carol Clark,Cllr Lisa Grainge, Cllr Tracey Stott.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr David Harrington declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 as he delivered training at LGIU at no cost and was a member was Unite.

Cllr Gillian Corr declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 as she delivered training at LGIU at no cost.

Cllr Jean O'Donnell declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 as she was previous Member of NEPO and a member of Unite.

Cllr Norma Stephenson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 as she was a fully paid member of Unison

Cllr Paul Rowling declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 as he was a member of Unite.

Cllr Eileen Johnson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 as she was a member of Unite.

Cllr Sonia Bailey declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 as she was a member of Unite.

Cllr David Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 as he was a member of Unison.

2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2017 - for signature**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2017 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2017 – for approval and signature**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2017.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Scrutiny Review of Membership of Outside Bodies

Members were provided with the final report Scrutiny Review of Membership of Outside Bodies from the Crime and Disorder Select Committee.

The report provided the detail of the outside bodies and the evidence gathered for each and the key benefits.

The Committee agreed that of those outside bodies that a Membership was paid for, the Council received more back in both money and knowledge and ability to influence national government and the political agenda.

The final report was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 12th October 2017.

AGREED that the report be noted.

5 Scrutiny Review of Defibrillators

The Committee was provided with the final report for the Scrutiny Review of Defibrillators from the Adults Social Care and Health Select Committee.

The aim of the review was to:

- to consider the role of defibrillators in treating Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA);
- to review their availability, accessibility and utilisation in Stockton-on-Tees;
- to make recommendations to improving the response to OHCA in the Borough.

The Committee felt that it was a really interesting review and highlighted the lack of knowledge around automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and also first aid training. Members also asked that Cabinet encourage more people to take up first aid training.

AGREED that the report be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration with the additional recommendation from Executive Scrutiny Committee.

6 2017-18 Scrutiny Work Programme Update

The Committee considered an update on the Scrutiny Work Programme 2017/18.

It was noted that the CCTV and Management of Memorials would carry over to next year.

Members queried how 2018/19 work programme would be managed considering the number of Review still to be done. This would be discussed at Scrutiny Liaison Forum and through Executive Scrutiny.

AGREED that the Scrutiny Work Programme be noted.

7 Statutory Forward Plan

The Committee noted the Statutory Forward Plan.

8 Select Committee Chairs' Updates

Members received the Select Committee Chairs Updates.

With regard to the Asylum Seekers Review, Members commented that it was known that hate crime was widely under reported and more needed to be done to gain the trust of asylum seekers comfortable to reporting any issues.

AGREED that the Select Committee Chair's Updates be noted.

9 Chair's Update and Executive Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

The Committee considered its Work Programme.

Members asked for a report to the November meeting on how a review of Community Participation Budgets could be incorporated within the work programme.

Members also felt that the review of disabled parking should be prioritised for this year's work programme.

AGREED that the work programme be noted.

10 Scrutiny Developments

There were no scrutiny developments reported.