

## PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE

A meeting of People Select Committee was held on Monday 8 April 2024.

**Present:** Cllr Paul Weston (Chair), Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Niall Innes, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr David Reynard, Cllr Hugo Stratton and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

**Officers:** Fallon Dunleavy, Julie Marsden (R&IG), Neil Mitchell (CSE&C), Margie Stewart-Piercy (AH&W), Michelle Gunn (CS) and Judy Trainer (CS).

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Cllr Marilyn Surtees (Chair).

### **PEO/1/24 Evacuation Procedure**

The Committee noted the evacuation and housekeeping procedure.

### **PEO/2/24 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **PEO/3/24 Minutes**

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **PEO/4/24 Initial Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Home Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs for the Future**

The Select Committee considered a progress update including assessments of progress following implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Home Efficiency and Green Jobs for the Future. This was the first time the update had been presented to the Committee, and members received a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Employment & Training Hub's work to support the green agenda and green skills.

Key issues discussed were as follows:

- There were 130 apprenticeship opportunities available from a range of employers and colleges at the Energy Event
- The solar panels on Municipal Buildings would remain on the building and new solar panels would be installed on Dunedin House
- Water meters were being installed in buildings if this was feasible, e.g. in Tees Active buildings, and investigations would take place regarding harvesting rain water on a number of sites.
- The report to cabinet on 15 February 2024 reported a 61% overall reduction in CO2 since 2010 and 89% of the Council's actions were either established or

progressing.

AGREED that Progress Update be noted and the assessments of progress be confirmed with all actions signed off as fully complete.

#### **PEO/5/24 Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Disability Inclusive Borough**

The Select Committee considered a progress update including assessments of progress following implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Disability Inclusive Borough. This was the third time the update had been presented to the Committee, and there were two outstanding recommendations.

It was noted that recommendation 11 (lessons learnt from the junior/toddlers play area at Preston Park be used to inform future play provision designs), was assessed as “2 – on track”. Although feedback suggested that these play areas had been well received by users, further work needed to be carried out from completed projects for inclusivity and accessibility and therefore one more update would be presented to the Committee in six months time.

AGREED that Progress Update be noted and the assessments of progress be confirmed.

#### **PEO/6/24 Chairs Update and Work Programme 2024 - 2025**

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

The next meeting would be held on Monday 13 May 2024. The scope and project plan for the next review, Disabled Facilities Grant, would be presented to the meeting along with a background presentation.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.