

## **Executive Scrutiny Committee**

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday 20th May 2025.

**Present:** Cllr Sylvia Walmsley (Chair), Cllr Kevin Faulks (Vice-Chair), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr John Coulson (sub for Cllr Tony Riordan), Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Shakeel Hussain, Cllr Niall Innes, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Sufi Mubeen and Cllr Marilyn Surtees

**Officers:** Jonathan Nertney, Judy Trainer, Gary Woods and Michelle Gunn

**Also in attendance:** None

**Apologies:** Cllr Tony Riordan and Cllr Laura Tunney

### **ESC/1/25 Evacuation Procedure**

The Committee noted the evacuation procedure.

### **ESC/2/25 Declarations of Interest**

For the purposes of transparency, Councillor Jim Beall declared that he was the Chair of Eastern Ravens Trust, a HAF provider.

### **ESC/3/25 Minutes**

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **ESC/4/25 Children and Young People Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Holidays are Fun (Executive Summary for Information)**

The Committee considered the Executive Summary from the Children and Young People Select Committee's final report following the review of the Holidays are Fun programme.

The Committee's final report had been considered by Cabinet who had approved all the recommendations.

Members of the Committee asked for an update on:

- Easter and May Half Term Attendance Data
- Arrangements for automated reminders
- Publicity arrangements (it was noted that the advert in Stockton News had been very small)
- Alternatives to online booking

It was suggested that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People attend the June meeting of the Committee when the Action Plan was due to provide an update on the above matters.

AGREED that the Executive Summary be noted.

**ESC/5/25 Community Safety Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres (Executive Summary for Information)**

The Committee considered the Executive Summary from the Community Safety Select Committee's final report following the review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres.

All Members had been asked for their views as part of the review and the Committee's final report had been considered by Cabinet who had approved all the recommendations.

AGREED that the Executive Summary be noted.

**ESC/6/25 Forward Plan**

AGREED that the Forward Plan be noted.

**ESC/7/25 Chairs' Updates**

Members were provided with updates from the Chairs of each Select Committee.

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee.

Members noted the update from the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee.

Children and Young People Select Committee

Members noted the update from the Children and Young People Select Committee.

Community Safety Select Committee

With regard to the Select Committee's next review of Children affected by Domestic Abuse, it was advised that the scope of the work would focus on the younger age group so engagement would be with midwives, nurseries, GPs etc.

People Select Committee

Members noted the update from the People Select Committee.

Place Select Committee

Members noted the update from the Place Select Committee.

AGREED that the updates be noted.

**ESC/8/25 Chair's Update and Executive Scrutiny Work Programme**

The Chair reported that a topic suggestion relating to supply teaching had been received following the setting of the current year's work programme of in-depth

reviews. Committee Members agreed that the suggestion should be considered as part of the process for setting the 2026/27 work programme.

As the MTFP Quarter 2 Update would be considered at the 11 December Cabinet meeting, it was agreed that an additional meeting of the Committee would be scheduled for 16 December 2025 to allow timely consideration by the Committee.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

Chair: .....