

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 6.00 pm in The Telford Room, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT

Present: Councillors M Boylan (Chair), P Davis (Vice-Chair), H Morgan, T J Nelson and H Rhodes.

In Attendance: F Mercer (Director: Communities, Customer and Commercial Services), R Phillips (Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy), and S Yarnall (Democracy Officer (Scrutiny))

Apologies: Councillors T L B Janke and I Preece

ENVSC1 Declarations of Interest

None.

ENVSC2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Following the recent local elections, there were fewer Members who had previously sat on the Environment Scrutiny Committee who continued to sit on Environment Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2023/2024. The minutes were deferred to the next meeting of the Committee to allow for greater attendance from previous Members for confirmation.

ENVSC3 Terms of Reference 2023 / 2024

Members received the Terms of Reference for the Committee, there had been no changes from previous years.

RESOLVED – that the Terms of Reference, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved.

ENVSC4 Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

The Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy presented the work programme for 2023/24. The work programme included standing items and new suggestions which had been received during the consultation.

The Director: Communities, Customer & Commercial Services provided a brief summary on Corporate Catering and noted that the suggestion was that Scrutiny consider the role of the Council's corporate catering policies and procedures towards net zero.

A further item was suggested for inclusion in relation to Adaptation, which was agreed by Members.

RESOLVED- that the Environment Scrutiny Work Programme, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved.

ENVSC5 Review of the Annual Scrutiny Report - Environment Scrutiny Committee

The Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy presented the Environment section of the Annual Scrutiny Report 2022-23.

Members appreciated the overview of the work previously completed by the Committee and a brief overview of upcoming work.

ENVSC6 Chair's Update

An additional meeting had been scheduled in September 2023 to provide an initial scene setting report on Corporate Catering.

Members were asked to contact Democratic Services by 29 November 2023 if they had any specific questions or topics in relation to river sewage.

The meeting ended at 6.27 pm

Chairman:

Date: Thursday 14 September 2023