

## **Meeting of the Full Council - 27 February 2020**

### **Reports of the External Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 15 October 2019 and 21 January 2020**

**Chair: County Councillor Edward Nash psc**

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[External Scrutiny Committee](#)

#### **15 October 2019**

##### **Supporting vulnerable customers - Electricity North West**

Representatives from Electricity North West (ENW) gave a presentation to the committee on the work being undertaken to support vulnerable customers.

**Resolved:** That;

1. Cabinet and Lancashire Leaders review all areas of responsibility to identify opportunities to promote the Priority Services Register where vulnerable people might contact or engage with frontline services.
2. A Bite Size Briefing on Electricity North West's Priority Services Register be arranged for all members of the county council.
3. Electricity North West consider linking in with the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System and the organisations and agencies listed in the minutes above to promote their Priority Services Register.

##### **Low Carbon Rapporteur Report and Chair's update**

The Chair, County Councillor Ed Nash psc, updated the committee on rapporteur activities he undertook on the subject of low carbon. The committee also received written responses from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Environment and Planning to its recommendations on low carbon.

**Resolved:** That the Low Carbon Rapporteur Report, Chair's Update and the written response from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Environment and Planning be noted.

#### **21 January 2020**

##### **Report of the Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness Task and Finish Group**

The External Scrutiny Committee was presented with the report of the Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness Task and Finish Group as well as a findings report from the scrutiny inquiry session on the future of flood action groups in Lancashire which was held on 8 July 2019 as part of the review. The findings from

this report had led to a number of recommendations being formulated and these were contained in the Task and Finish Group's report.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The written responses from the relevant Cabinet Members be considered by the Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness Task and Finish Group.
- ii. The Task and Finish Group report on the outcome of its meeting to the External Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity.

### **Learning lessons from lived experiences of Universal Credit**

A presentation was delivered on learning lessons from lived experiences of Universal Credit.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The presentation as delivered be received as part of the External Scrutiny Committee's ongoing review of Universal Credit.
- ii. The key lines of enquiry set out in the minutes [above] be used in preparation for a future meeting of the External Scrutiny Committee when it will hear evidence from the Welfare Rights Service.

### **Lancashire County Council Waste Treatment Facilities - Supporting Future Carbon Reduction Initiatives**

A presentation was delivered on current waste processing activities and future opportunities at the council's two Waste Recovery Parks, in support of reducing carbon emissions and the associated carbon footprint within Lancashire.

**Resolved:** That the presentation be noted as part of the External Scrutiny Committee's continued review of low carbon energy.

County Councillor Edward Nash  
Chair