

Meeting of the Full Council - 26 May 2022

Report on the Internal Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 21 January, 4 March, and 22 April 2022

Chair: County Councillor David O'Toole

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21 January 2021

Commercialisation

The committee received a report and presentation from Ajay Sethi, Head of Service Commercialisation with an update outlining the activities to support the county council in creating the right environment for it to be more commercial.

Resolved: That the report on Commercialisation, in particular the differing aspects of the commercial programme and the draft Application of Fees and Charges Policy, be noted.

Public Realm Agreements

The committee considered a presentation, presented by Ridwan Musa, Highways Service Manager, John Davies, Head of Service Highways, and Phil Durnell, Director of Highways, which provided information on the county council's Public Realm Agreements with district councils. Previously, the committee had noted that Public Realm Agreements received a lot of attention from the public, therefore members felt it was important to consider the relationship between the county council and district councils, as well as the funding provided.

Resolved: That;

- i. The presentation provided by the Highways Service on Public Realm Agreements be noted; and
- ii. A scoping exercise be undertaken to identify the remit of a potential task and finish group on Public Realm Agreements to come back to the next meeting of the committee for agreement.

4 March 2022

Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles

The committee received a report, presented by Andrew Burrows, Fleet Services Manager and Phil Durnell, Director of Highways, which provided an update on the county council's move to ultra-low and zero tailpipe emission vehicles. This contributed to county council objectives to reduce harmful emissions from its

own fleet of vehicles, and to improve the environment and public health within Lancashire.

Resolved: That the report on progress to introduce ultra-low emissions vehicles to Lancashire County Council's fleet be noted.

Update on the Proposal for a Task Group regarding Public Realm Agreements

The committee considered the scoping document for a Task Group on Public Realm Agreements, which had been drafted in consultation with officers in the Highways Service following the Internal Scrutiny Committee meeting on 21 January 2022.

Resolved: That a Task Group on Public Realm Agreements be established, as set out by the scoping document at Appendix 'A'.

22 April 2022

Single-Use Plastics Policy – Update

The committee considered a report, presented by Mike Kirby, Director of Strategy and Performance, which provided an update on activity undertaken to reduce single-use plastics following the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group in 2019, whilst recognising the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was highlighted that the report included a draft policy statement. The final policy would be accompanied by an action plan, which would set out timescales and responsibilities in more detail.

Resolved: That the update report and draft Single-Use Plastics Policy be noted.

Economic and Social Recovery Post Covid and the Way Forward

The committee considered a report on the economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the national and local measures put in place to aid recovery, presented by Phil Green, Acting Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport, and Community Services and Joe Mount, Data Analyst for the Lancashire Skills and Employment Hub.

Resolved: That;

- i. The report and analysis on the economic and social impacts of the pandemic in Lancashire be noted; and
- ii. An update on the county council's economic recovery and growth programme, particularly its support to businesses to decarbonise, be included on the Work Programme for 2022/23.