

Scrutiny Committee

Update on Recommendations made at previous Scrutiny Meetings

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04/07/19 Min 4.3	The report commissioned by the Leader on the Civic Centre commercialisation spending be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.	Leader of the Council	Director (Commercial)	Yes	No	This report has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic and the changing needs of meeting spaces. A further review is currently taking place as part of our workplace strategy and the future needs of Council and Committee meetings. A full update will be provided to Committee once this review has been completed.
18/03/21 Min 44.7	The Scrutiny Committee invites the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and relevant partners to a future committee meeting to discuss road safety following the elections	Health and Wellbeing	Head of Democratic Services	Yes	No	This will be included on the Committee's workplan that will be considered and agreed in a session post-election.
11/01/22 Min 34.3	The possibility of the recycling service being extended to community groups and voluntary organisations be explored further.	Leader of the Council	Director (Customer & Digital)	Yes	No	The current type of recycling offered is trade paper and card collection which occurs every other Wednesday. This is a paid for service with the current cost being £232 per year. The service will be undergoing a review in 2023 in respect of the current and future waste service resourcing in light of the national waste strategy and its statutory requirements with regards collections from these types of premises when determined by government. These groups will be included as part of the review.
12/07/22 Min 56.3	The committee asks that the community wealth building model be reviewed in light of the changing and increasing	Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building	Director (Change & Delivery)	Yes	Yes	A review of year 1 of community wealth building has been completed and shared with the Cabinet Member to help inform and shape priorities for the next 12 months. It included a review of the council's current position and best practice externally.

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	<p>challenges affecting the Borough and ensure it remains adaptable and best practice.</p>					<p>A further review will be carried out of the council's current maturity in its journey towards social value. This will be done via the Social Value Portals Maturity Index to identify areas of additional value that can be added by the council.</p> <p>Furthermore, the external consultant who designed the original plan will be contacted to arrange a follow up review.</p> <p>Timeframe –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Review – Complete • SVP Maturity Index - December • External Review – December <p>The timescales for this action have been adjusted to reflect consultant availability and capacity. The review is in progress with feedback due by early May.</p>
<p>12/07/22 Min 56.5</p>	<p>The committee is grateful for the offer of further information on the £150k reserve for community wealth building</p>	<p>Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building</p>	<p>Director (Change & Delivery)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The review of the council's current position against the evolving context of Community Wealth Building in other areas has informed the next phase of the work.</p> <p>This includes proposals for the use of the £150k reserve to create a local platform and resources to establish a community wealth building network or to support activity aligned to the Town Deal to ensure that community wealth building is central to the development.</p> <p>A significant proportion of the budget is allocated to funding a dedicated community wealth building officer for two years. This role is responsible for developing and delivering</p>

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						<p>the community wealth building action plan, as well as setting up key processes and projects. The review will identify proposals for future activity and required budget.</p> <p>An additional community wealth coordinator post has been appointed on a fixed term basis to work proactively within communities to develop the cooperative model, starting with a small scale community-led pilot based on a community kitchen. The remaining budget will support scaling up of activity and implementing recommendations from the review.</p>
11/10/22 Min 67.4	The Scrutiny Committee asks that residents receive communications to help manage expectations on timescales for delivery.	Planning, Business Support and Regeneration	Director (Commercial)	Yes	No	The comment is noted but the process has been hampered by COVID restrictions which has led to undertaking further public consultation when COVID restrictions were lifted. A further round of consultation will be undertaken with Penwortham Town Council and the findings presented to Cabinet. The Council is happy to continually engage with the community as plans for implementation are firmed up.
11/10/22 Min 67.5	The Committee asks that the document be reviewed in light of the current financial and economic challenges.	Planning, Business Support and Regeneration	Director (Commercial)	Yes	No	There is a budget set of £2m at present, the budget setting process for 2023/24 can look to address funding shortfalls. Furthermore, there is an outstanding Levelling Up Fund bid currently with Government. The masterplan had to provide a vision and aspiration for the centre which is realistic and deliverable. Other funding streams may come available therefore it is important we have a clear vision to enable bids to be made.

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24.11.22 Min 79.2	The Committee asks that future pulse surveys include a wider range of questions to gauge the view of employees.	Leader of the Council	Director (Change & Delivery)	Yes	Yes	<p>In addition to the detailed staff survey and a range of other staff feedback mechanisms, the pulse survey is a shorter set of questions intended as a 'temperature check' of the organisation, enabling a quick response and minimising survey fatigue. Questions will be adjusted to respond to key events or themes that may need further exploration with staff.</p> <p>The pulse survey will maintain a set of consistent questions and an additional free text box will be added. Staff suggestion boxes and a virtual suggestion box feature have also been incorporated to allow for real-time feedback. This is in addition to focus groups and staff/Director listening sessions. The aim is to provide a range of ways for staff to contribute feedback in different formats and methods to suit their preferences. The next pulse survey is planned for April 2023.</p>
24.11.22 Min 79.3	That setting of officer targets and measures of employee satisfaction are implemented to help ensure progress is made.	Leader of the Council	Director (Change & Delivery)	Yes	Yes	A range of factors can impact staff satisfaction and whilst we aspire to achieve 100% satisfaction, its recognised that this may fluctuate and therefore the aim is to see continuing improvement over time and in line with the People Strategy action plan. The aim is to achieve a 5% increase at the next full survey.
24.11.22 Min 79.4	The Committee requests that regular updates on the People Strategy progress report be presented to Scrutiny.	Leader of the Council	Director (Change & Delivery)	Yes	No	A further update will be presented to Scrutiny Committee in quarter 4.

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24.11.22 Min 79.5	The Committee looks forward to receiving the results of the next survey in a timely manner.	Leader of the Council	Director (Change & Delivery)	Yes	No	The performance team will work with the independent market research company to encourage completion of the analysis of findings as quickly as possible.
24.11.22 Min 80.2	The Committee welcome the offer to receive the next leisure company business plan.	N/A	Managing Director of the Leisure Company	Yes	No	The next leisure company business plan will be provided to the Scrutiny Committee at a future meeting.
17.1.23 Min 90.3	The Committee welcomes the commitment to continue to engage with the Leyland and Farington Hub, including the representative feeding back	Leader of the Council	Director (Commercial)	To follow	To follow	Update to follow.
17.1.23 Min 90.4	The Committee asks for further information to be provided on the risk of not obtaining access rights and permissions, including mitigations put in place	Leader of the Council	Director (Commercial)	To follow	To follow	Update to follow.
17.1.23 Min 90.5	The Committee asks that the risk concerning construction costs and inflationary pressures be reviewed	Leader of the Council	Director (Commercial)	To follow	To follow	Update to follow.
17.1.23 Min 90.6	The Committee requests that the format of the dashboard include a total budget box to better explain the financial position	Leader of the Council	Director (Commercial)	To follow	To follow	Update to follow.

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17.1.23 Min 91.4	The Committee asks that the consultation reach out to those who do not have internet access	Health and Wellbeing	Director (Communities)	Yes	No	The consultation still has to be agreed at Preston City Council. Once Preston have Cabinet approval drop in sessions will be arranged for those people who do not have access to the internet in South Ribble.
17.1.23 Min 91.5	The Committee looks forward to the results of the consultation being made available to Members.	Health and Wellbeing	Director (Communities)	Yes	No	Once the consultation has finished the results will be made available to members.
20.2.23 Min 100.2	The Committee look forward to the new draft Community Safety Partnership action plan being presented to Scrutiny in the future	Health and Wellbeing	Director (Communities)	Yes	No	The Plan is still being drafted and will be presented to the Partnership this month and once that has been agreed will be presented to the Committee.
20.2.23 Min 100.3	The Committee asks that the current situation with the governance of the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership and the delay in implementing review be clarified	Health and Wellbeing	Director (Communities)	Yes	No	Clarification has been sought and will be shared with the Committee.
20.2.23 Min 100.4	The Committee requests a detailed breakdown of the funding allocated to South Ribble as part of the domestic abuse and sexual violence support service be provided together with the ongoing evaluation of take-up and impact	Health and Wellbeing	Director (Communities)	Yes	No	Breakdown being compiled and will be with the Committee before the end of March.

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20.2.23 Min 100.5	The Committee is grateful for the offer of a breakdown of the multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) data to a South Ribble level.	Health and Wellbeing	Director (Communities)	Yes	Yes	The breakdown of MARAC data for South Ribble has been circulated to Committee members on Friday 10 March.
20.2.23 Min 101.3	The Committee requests that the internal audit of the waste service is circulated to the Committee once available.	Leader of the Council	Director (Customer & Digital)	Yes	Yes	The internal audit report of the waste service has been circulated to Committee members on Friday 10 March. The report was discussed at Governance Committee on 7 March 2023.
20.2.23 Min 102.3	The Committee asks that further information be provided on when the suspended pre-planning advice would resume.	Finance, Property & Assets	Director (Finance)	Yes	Yes	<p>The Pre-planning application service was suspended as a result of the Covid Pandemic. The restrictions in place during the Pandemic made it impossible to provide an effective service given the restrictions in place and the impact of Covid on staffing.</p> <p>A well-publicised consequence of the public not being able to spend disposable income on holidays, socialising etc. and low interest rates was that they invested in their property. In addition, development proposals for other larger forms of development which had been put on hold during the Covid Pandemic were reinstated on its conclusion.</p> <p>The result of the above Covid related actions was a significant increase in the number of planning applications for household extensions both during and after the pandemic and an increase in large applications post pandemic. This increase in work has stretched officer resources and meant it was not feasible to resume the pre-application service as the Planning Service had to focus on dealing with Planning Applications, which is a statutory process</p>

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						<p>(unlike the pre-planning application service) and subject of Government performance targets.</p> <p>It should be recognised by members that the positive aspect of the increase in planning application workload is a significant increase in planning fee income, far exceeding the income lost by suspension of the pre-planning application service.</p> <p>As a result of the cost of living crisis and interest rate rises, it would seem a fair assumption that the Council will see a downturn in planning application numbers and consequently an easing of workload pressures that would facilitate a re-start of the pre-planning application service.</p>
20.2.23 Min 104.4	The Committee asks that they be engaged in the development of the proposed Transformation Strategy	Finance, Property & Assets	Director (Change & Delivery)	Yes	No	The transformation strategy will be developed over the coming months with the engagement and support of Senior Leadership Team. Principles and early proposals can be presented to the committee.