

Agenda

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013-2014



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Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 10th September 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

Queen Elizabeth Room, Scaitcliffe House

Membership

Chair: Councillor Ken Moss

Vice-Chair: Councillor Wendy Dwyer

Councillors: Clare Cleary, Harry Grayson, Marlene Haworth, Doug Hayes,
Bill Pinder and Ian Robinson

Co-optees: Bob Eddleston and Ian Ormerod

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Principles

The Committee will exercise the following principles when conducting its business:-

1. At all times adhere to the code of conduct for members and the protocol for member/officer relations.
2. To treat people fairly and with respect and be constructive, especially when challenging people.
3. To seek consensus on the best solutions irrespective of party politics.
4. To be open and transparent.
5. To look for continuous improvement rather than blame.
6. To be inclusive and democratic.
7. To communicate well and constantly.
8. To make best use of available resources.
9. To ensure equality of opportunity.
10. To allow portfolio holders when present to deal with questions and facilitate officer input when under scrutiny.



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1. Apologies for absence, Substitutions, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

2. Minutes of Meetings

To receive the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 18th June 2013 for approval as a correct record.

Recommended - That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.

3. Responses of Cabinet to Reports of Overview and Scrutiny

To provide an update on the responses of the Cabinet to reports submitted by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

[Report attached](#)

Recommended - That the report be noted.

4. Subscriptions to Outside Bodies - Update on Actions from Last Meeting

To provide an update on the actions agreed by the Committee in regard to the Review of Subscriptions to Outside Bodies and to provide additional information requested by the Committee.

[Report attached](#)

[Appendix attached](#)

Recommended - That the report be noted.

5. Business Plan Update - Street Scene

To provide an update on the Street Scene elements within the 2012/13 Environmental Services Business Plan.

[Report attached](#)

[Appendix attached](#)

Recommended (1) That the updates within the report be noted and comments or suggested actions be made; and,

(2) That the creation of a new separate Street Scene Business Plan for 2013/14 with the following objectives removed be supported:-

a) Ensure the Street Cleansing and Environmental quality meets a min 4* Clean Brain standard

b) Retaining our status as the best in the North West for sending the least amount of waste to landfill

c) Retain Gold Award standard in the energy Saving Trust's vehicle emissions reduction Motorvate Scheme

d) Improve the quality of data held in relation to service users and review data in order to inform future actions

e) Achieve excellent status of the Equality Standard for Local Government

6. Business Plan Update - Parks and Cemeteries

To provide an update on the 2012/13 Environmental Services Business Plan and the Parks and Cemeteries Business Plan for 2013/14.

[Report attached](#)

Recommended (1) That the updates within the report be noted; and,

(2) That a Parks and Cemeteries Business Plan for 2014/15 and future financial years be supported.

7. Review of Cost of Seasonal Flower Planting

To inform the Committee about the process for procuring bedding, plants and horticultural features for the Borough by the Parks and Cemetery Service.

[Report attached](#)

Recommended (1) That the report be noted; and,

(2) That comments or suggestions be made as to the future procurement of bedding plants, flowering bulbs and horticultural features for the Borough by the Parks and Cemetery Service.

8. Review of Off Street Car Parking Enforcement

To review the operation of parking enforcement at the Council owned shoppers car parks in Accrington Town Centre. The provision of free car parking had been identified by Mary Portas as an important feature in attracting people into town centres and for the same reasons it was important that the Council struck the right balance when considering enforcement. Taking a "light touch" approach was a

good means of deterring abuse of the system by commuters whilst at the same time keeping the cost of enforcement to a reasonable level.

[Report attached](#)

- Recommended (1) That the report be noted; and,**
- (2) That the current parking enforcement regime remain in place as it operated satisfactorily.**

9. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13

To present the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2012/13. The report will be submitted to full Council on 12th September 2013.

[Report attached](#)

[Appendix attached](#)

- Recommended (1) That the report be noted;**
- (2) That all Councillors be encouraged to engage in the Overview and Scrutiny Process in 2013/14 and beyond.**

10. Scrutiny Panel Update - Review of Council Land Assets

To submit a progress report on the Review of Council Land Assets currently being carried out by the Scrutiny Panel. The Panel's recommendations set out in Appendix 1 to the report need to be approved by the Committee prior to submission to Cabinet.

The review is being carried out on a town by town basis and the progress report relates to the areas of Church and Milnshaw only. Previous reports submitted to the Committee and considered by Cabinet related to the areas of Great Harwood, Clayton-le-Moors, Rishton and Altham.

[Report attached](#)

[Appendix attached](#)

- Recommended (1) That the recommendations of the Panel, as set out in Paragraph 7.3 of Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and,**
- (2) That the recommendations of the Committee be submitted to the next meeting of Cabinet for comment.**

11. Exclusion of the Public

Recommended - That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item, when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings that there will otherwise be disclosure of exempt information within the Paragraph at Schedule 12A of the Act specified at the item

12. Legal Contracts - Enforcement of Obligations on Land Sales

(The report will contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))

To consider a report relating to Enforcement of Legal Obligations on Land Sales as part of the Committee's 2013/14 Work Programme.

Report attached

Recommended - That the report be noted.

