

CLIMATE CHANGE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Tuesday, 21st May 2024 at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Ashley Taylor in the Chair

Councillors Rob Hiney-Saunders, Cathy Jeffery, (from Minute No. CLI57-23/24), Catherine Tite and Carol Wood.

Officers:- Steve Brunt (Strategic Director of Services), Jim Fieldsend (Monitoring Officer), Thomas Dunne-Wragg (Scrutiny Officer), and Matthew Kerry (Governance and Civic Officer).

Also in attendance at the meeting were Councillors Anne Clarke, Portfolio Holder for Environment, and Junior Cabinet Member Jeanne Raspin.

CLI51-23/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Emma Stevenson.

CLI52-23/24 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to be considered.

CLI53-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

CLI54-23/24 MINUTES – 26TH MARCH 2024

Moved by Councillor Rob Hiney-Saunders and seconded by Councillor Catherine Tite
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 26th March 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

CLI55-23/24 LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

In response to a Member's query, the Monitoring Officer advised the meeting that Members could put questions to the relevant officers regarding any item on the list of key

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decisions and items to be considered in private document. Their questions could also be passed to the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor Catherine Tite and seconded by Councillor Rob Hiney-Saunders
RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be considered in the private document be noted.

CLI56-23/24 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO CARBON REDUCTION

Committee considered a final Post-Scrutiny Monitoring report on the Review of the Council's Approach to Carbon Reduction.

The Committee had put together nine recommendations, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, which would hopefully enable the Council to clarify immediate priorities for action as well as a longer term plan to ensure the Council and District was net zero by 2050.

Appendix 2 to the report set out progress in meeting the recommendations and to date four out of nine recommendations had been achieved.

Members were advised that a Climate Change Officer had now been recruited and was due to start in post in July 2024, therefore, recommendation CCS22-23 2.2 would be completed. The other outstanding recommendations were tasks to be undertaken by the Climate Change Officer with revised target dates set out in Appendix 2.

Moved by Councillor Rob Hiney-Saunders and seconded by Councillor Catherine Tite
RESOLVED that: 1) the progress against the review recommendations be noted;

2) the recommendations in the review be extended to the revised dates as set out in Appendix 2 to the report;

3) the report and findings be made public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Council's Constitution; and,

4) Officers continue to implement the recommendations and submit a further report in six months' time, highlighting progress and any exceptions to delivery.

CLI57-23/24 WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

Committee noted their final Work Programme for 2023/24.

Members proposals were sought for their 2024/25 Work Programme.

The Scrutiny Officer would send a document pack to Members which set out how to approach the Committee's work. An informal Committee meeting would also be arranged to consider and discuss ideas Members put forward.

The Chair referred to the newly elected Mayor of the East Midlands Combined County

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Authority, and queried if it was possible for her to be invited to a future meeting of the Committee. The Monitoring Officer agreed that an invitation could be sent.

Moved by Councillor Rob Hiney-Saunders and seconded by Councillor Catherine Tite
RESOLVED that: 1) the Work Programme 2023/24 be noted; and,

2) Members to put forward suggestions to the Scrutiny Officer for the Committee's 2024/25 Work Programme.

CLI58-23/24 REVIEW WORK

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 10:14 hours and Members then met as a working party to continue their review work. The informal meeting closed at 10:45 hours.