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The Chair and Members of Enterprise  
and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

6 October 2021

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE to be held on THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2021 at 5.00 pm in Committee Room 3, Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield S40 1LP, the agenda for which is set out below.

AGENDA

Part 1(Public Information)

1. Declarations of Members' And Officers' Interests Relating To Items On The Agenda
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 8)
4. Scrutiny Monitoring (Pages 9 - 14)
5. Forward Plan

The latest version of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 November, 2021 to 28 February, 2022 is available via the link below:

[Forward Plan](#)

6. Work Programme for the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

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(Pages 15 - 16)

7. Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of Public

To move "That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act".

Part 2 (Non Public Information)

8. Parks and Open Spaces and Play Strategy Consultation (Pages 17 - 232)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager and Monitoring Officer

**ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****Thursday, 15th July, 2021**

Present:-

Councillor Flood (Chair)

Councillors	Dyke	Councillors	Snowdon
	Coy		Brittain
	Hollingworth		

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**1 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Caulfield and Mann.

**3 CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING - SOCIAL HOUSING WHITE PAPER**

The Cabinet Member for Housing introduced the report on the Social Housing White Paper and informed the committee that the intention of the report was to help to determine the scope of the paper and to identify areas where scrutiny could have an impact.

The Service Director for Housing explained that the white paper was produced as a response to the Grenfell disaster and was important legislation for Housing. One of the key messages from the paper was the need to listen to residents more and involve them more and it was felt that this was an area that scrutiny could be involved, particularly during policy development.

The Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager gave an overview of the white paper, covering the seven key headlines and noting that the

emphasis of how social housing is managed will change as a result of the implications.

The first area of the paper concerned safety in homes; which included building safety and fire safety and was the element with the most detail so far. It was acknowledged that there would be more requirements in future to bring things in line with the private rental sector such as regular electrical testing. The Housing team had anticipated that compliance would be a key theme and had therefore been developing appropriate policies which were being reviewed by an external consultant before being presented to Cabinet.

The second point looked at tenants knowing how their landlord was performing. The council would need to demonstrate performance using a number of indicators and detail how money was being spent. The third area covered tenants' rights to have their complaints dealt with and a new complaint handling code was under development. The Housing Ombudsman had been given greater powers to hold landlords to account. Procedures for making a complaint would need to be published on the Council's website. These improvements would all be fed into the Council's complaints project group which was developing a new complaints policy and system.

Part four concerned treating tenants with respect. The regulator would be implementing changes including an inspection regime with the ability to impose fines for non-compliance. The details on the required standards had not yet been provided. Part five looked at tenants' having their voices heard by their landlord. The changes in this area were still in development but included a potential review of qualifications in the housing sector. It was acknowledged that an organisational culture where the tenant is always at the centre of development was the aim.

Part six referred to the decent homes standard, with a new definition of 'decent' expected in the summer of 2022. It was noted that the capital programme already included some of the key areas expected for review. As better support for decarbonisation was identified as a potential element of the review, it was highlighted that the Housing service was developing a green policy covering the measures that it had already begun such as sourcing local materials to reduce its carbon footprint, replacing boilers, improving external insulation etc.

Part seven concerned providing support to tenants wishing to take their first steps into ownership. It was anticipated that this section would have the least impact on the council and was more aimed at Housing Associations.

The potential impact of the paper was summarised by the following points;

- The council had already started taking steps towards compliance with the anticipated regulations
- The paper was being used to help shape the Housing restructure
- The cost implications would become clearer as more detail became available and these would be incorporated into the HRA business plans including any additional resources required
- At this stage there was a lack of detail in some areas
- Some of the emphasis of the capital programme may need to change in response to the paper

The Chair thanked the officers and cabinet member for a helpful summary of a complex document. The Service Director responded to questions about the recording of safety checks carried out in council properties and the potential additional costs of compliance. The committee heard that it had been recognised that the asset management systems and the housing management systems needed to be better integrated in order to prevent any gaps in recording and work on this was underway. Additional resources would be required, particularly front line and this would also be considered as part of the service restructure.

It was acknowledged that sometimes access to properties to carry out mandatory safety checks was difficult, as currently experienced with gas checks but that annual visits to council tenants will be carried out to build connections which would then enable the safety check visits to become more compliance focussed.

A discussion took place around storage for mobility scooters and electric charging points for mobility scooters and vehicles. It was explained that there were some storage facilities at sheltered housing schemes and that if storage was required as part of an adaptation then this would be supported. The provision of electric charging points for vehicles was part of planning policy and as such featured in all new builds and some major refurbishments. The difficulties of providing charging points in communal parking areas was recognised as well as managing people's expectations alongside the fast changing nature of the technology available.

The Cabinet Member for Housing concluded by thanking the Service Director and all the staff for their hard work and affirming that progress was already being made in response to the paper.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the briefing be noted.
2. That a succinct briefing be prepared for all Members
3. That officers liaise with the Democratic Services team as more information becomes available to schedule further briefings.

**4 SCRUTINY MONITORING**

The Committee considered the Scrutiny recommendations monitoring schedule.

**RESOLVED -**

That the Scrutiny monitoring schedule be noted.

**5 SCRUTINY PROJECT GROUP PROGRESS UPDATE**

An update on the Air Quality Scrutiny Project group was presented to committee. The Chair indicated that the intention was for the group to resume as soon as it was practicable and that the terms of reference would need to be adjusted to reflect the change in circumstances since COVID-19.

**RESOLVED –**

The update was noted.

**6 FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 August, 2021 to 30 November, 2021 was presented for information.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

7 **WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The 2021/22 Work Programme for the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was reported for information.

**RESOLVED –**

That the work programme be noted and updated to include the decisions of the current meeting.

8 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 1 April, 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING SCHEDULE

Ref No	Item (Scrutiny Issue or Topic. SPG = Scrutiny Project Group work)	Decision Dates (Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet, Council & its Committees)	Scrutiny Committee Recommendations and/or <i>Decision making body resolution</i> ( <i>italics = Agreed by Scrutiny Committee but not yet considered by decision making body</i> ) *	Completion Date for Actions	Action / Response Completed	Further Action Required by Scrutiny (6 monthly progress reports)
CCO1  Page 9	Statutory Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Ctte	<b>CCO 29.09.11</b> (Min. No. 44)	Progress report on sharing information re alcohol related health problems and hospital admissions.	6 monthly wef 29/09/11.	Statistics requested for each 6 monthly meeting	Agreed on 08.01.15 that statistics on alcohol related health problems / hospital admissions be reported to each 6 monthly meeting.
CCO4	Implementation of Universal Credit	<b>CCO 22.05.18</b> (Min. No. 6)  <b>Cabinet Member for Homes &amp; Customers 16.07.18</b>	Re. provision of computer terminal(s) and support for Universal Credit claimants in Staveley area.  Cabinet Member's response noted by CCO – 17.07.18 (Min. No. 14) – computer terminals and support available at several locations within Staveley area – provision to be monitored.	6 monthly progress reports	Cabinet Member's response noted by CCO – 17.07.18.  Progress reports considered by CCO – 26.03.19, 30.01.20. and 24.09.20	Monitor as part of ongoing review of implementation of Universal Credit.

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EW6	Skills	<p><b>EW 05.02.19</b> (Min. No 48)</p> <p><b>Cabinet 26.02.19</b> (Min. No 110)</p>	<p>Skills SPG report approved by Enterprise and Wellbeing 05.02.19</p> <p>Cabinet Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Cabinet thanks the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee for the report which highlights an important area of work for the Council and reflects our commitment to driving skills development in the Borough through our support of the Skills Action Plan and continued engagement with key partners and stakeholders.</li> <li>2. That the Cabinet notes and endorses the recommendations, and acknowledges that the recommendations can be accommodated within the normal work programme and through partners.</li> <li>3. That the decision to co-fund the Enterprise Co-ordinator post be deferred for consideration as a</li> </ol>	Monitoring Action is being developed in consultation with senior officers to identify target dates for completion.	Progress reported to E&W – 4.02.21.	

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Page 11			<p>growth request as part of the budget setting process for 2020/21. The Cabinet recognises the positive impact of the Enterprise Co-ordinator for Chesterfield and that this is currently co-funded for 2 years until 2019/20.</p> <p>See SPG Report for recommendations.</p>			
EW7	Future Use of the Former QPSC Site	<p><b>EW 3.10.19</b> (Min. No. 20)</p> <p><b>Cabinet 22.10.19</b> (Min. No. 53)</p>	<p>SPG report approved by EW 3.10.19.</p> <p>Cabinet Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the use of the new sports pitch be monitored through the Council's normal management processes against the objective of balancing the need to achieve a commercial return and provide opportunities for community and health and wellbeing development.</li> <li>2. That the marketing approach and pricing structure for the sports pitch be reviewed as necessary as part of the Council's overall marketing and</li> </ol>	TBC due to impact of COVID 19	Progress reported to E&W 4.02.21.	

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			pricing of its sports and leisure services.			
OP8	HS2	<b>OPSF 11.09.18</b>  <b>Cabinet 23.10.18</b> (Min. No. 48)	Cabinet Response: 1. That the Cabinet thanks the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum for the first class work that has been taken forward in looking at how the Council is preparing for HS2 and, in particular, for the Forum's efforts in broadening and deepening the understanding of Council Members of the subject matter.  2. That Cabinet notes and endorses the recommendations of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum.  3. That Cabinet endorses, in particular, the Forum's recommendation to establish a new Skills Scrutiny Project group and resolves to defer to the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum further consideration of the merit of	Following Parliament's consideration of the Hybrid Bill	Recommendations approved by Cabinet 23.10.18  Monitoring update considered by OPSF - 19.03.19	Monitor after Hybrid Bill has been taken to Parliament.

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Page 5			<p>establishing new Scrutiny Project Groups to look at particular aspects of HS2 as part of the future work programming discussions.</p> <p>See SPG Report for recommendations.</p>			
	<p>Abbreviations Key : OP = Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum. CCO = Community, Customer and Organisational Development Scrutiny Committee. EW = Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee). TBA (to be agreed).  * Note recommendation wording may be abridged.</p>					

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**WORK PROGRAMME: ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 14 OCTOBER 2021**

	<b>Scrutiny Committee Date:</b>	<b>Business Item :</b>	<b>Status :</b>	<b>Raised by :</b>	<b>Cabinet Member Responsibility</b>
1	15.07.21	Social Housing White Paper	Requested initial overview from which scrutiny members can identify threads for further scrutiny review and input during the year. Further detail on white paper expected in 2022 and beyond and additional briefings would be provided as and when the information became available.	Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2021	Housing
2	14.10.21	Parks and Open Spaces and Play Strategies	Consultation exercise to be carried out following public consultation.	Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2021	Health & Wellbeing
3	02.12.21	Apprenticeships outside CBC		Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2021	Deputy Leader of the Council
<b>Scrutiny Project Groups (SPG) :</b>					
4	15.07.21	Air Quality	Initial work commenced August 2019. Schedule interrupted by COVID-19 pandemic. Update to committee 15 July, 2021.	<i>Scrutiny Work Programme Action Planning – 2019</i>	<i>Health and Wellbeing</i>
<b>Items Pending Reschedule or Removal:</b>					

	<b>Scrutiny Committee Date:</b>	<b>Business Item :</b>	<b>Status :</b>	<b>Raised by :</b>	<b>Cabinet Member Responsibility</b>
5	TBC	Commercialisation Strategy	It is proposed that the future input of scrutiny committee is planned as part of the OD programme development and implementation	<i>Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2019</i>	<i>Housing</i>
<b><i>New Business Items Proposed:</i></b>					

Note: Items for monitoring (from scrutiny reviews and/or recommendations) are not included above but are listed in the Scrutiny Monitoring Form a separate item on the agenda. Items from the Forward Plan and Scrutiny Monitoring Form can be included in the work programme. *[KEY to abbreviations : O&P = Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum. CCO = Community, Customer and Organisational Development Scrutiny Committee. E&W = Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. TBC = to be confirmed. KD = Forward Plan Key Decision].*

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