NORWICH
City Council

MINUTES

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

16:35 to 17:10 **24 May 2018**

Present: Councillors Wright (chair), Carlo, Coleshill, Fullman, Fulton-McAlister (M), Manning, Raby, Smith, Stewart, Thomas (Va), Thomas (Vi)

Apologies: Councillors Hampton and Sands (S)

1. Appointment of vice chair

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor David Fullman as vice chair for the ensuing civic year

2. Public questions/petitions

There were no public questions or petitions

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2018

5. Appointment of representative and substitute to the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED to

(1) appoint Councillor Fullman as the representative and Councillor Fulton-McAlister (M) as the substitute for the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing civic year; and

(2) ask the committee officer to attach the NHOSC work programme to the updates item going forward; and

(3) ask the representative to raise the effects of air pollution on public health as a possible topic for inclusion on the NHOSC work programme

6. Appointment of representative and substitute to the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny sub panel

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Stewart as the representative and Councillor Thomas (Va) as the substitute for the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny sub panel for the ensuing civic year.

7. Setting of the scrutiny committee work programme for 2018-19

The chair introduced the item and referred to the list of potential work programme items on page 17 of the agenda. He explained that the work programme was an evolving document and would be a standing item on every agenda to allow for any changes to be made.

Members discussed the review of parks and playgrounds item and a member questioned whether considering this at the February meeting would lead to a loss of momentum around the topic. The chair said that when a task and finish group had met with the head of citywide services previously, he had indicated that the review needed to span all four seasons to ensure that a rounded report was produced. The strategy manager suggested that another task and finish group could be formed mid-year to discuss updates before reporting back to the scrutiny committee in February.

Discussion ensued around the topic of Operation Gravity and whether this meeting of the committee could take place at a venue within the community. Councillor Fullman offered to meet with the director of neighbourhoods to scope the item and bring this to the July meeting of the committee for approval.

The strategy manager said that in previous years, a standing item on performance data had been included on the scrutiny work programme. He said that this information was available on the Citizen's Portal for members to access at any time. If members had a concern around any of the data, they could ask for that particular piece of data to be brought to the committee for consideration.

It was therefore:-

RESOLVED to:

(1) ask the scrutiny liaison officer to add the following items to the scrutiny committee work programme 2018-19:

a) The impact of Airbnb type properties (June)

b) Presentation of the report of the Communities and Local Government committee scrutiny inquiry to the scrutiny committee for consideration (June)

c) Preparations for full service of universal credit (July)

d) The impact of Operation Gravity/organised crime in Norwich since 2016 including the role of the council and police when dealing with communities blighted by anti-social behavior (September)

e) Good quality jobs in Norwich – the digital and emerging economy (October)

f) Responses to domestic violence in Norwich (November)

g) Corporate plan and performance framework and Equality Information report (December)

h) Pre-scrutiny of the proposed budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy and transformation programme (January)

i) Scrutiny of the parks and playgrounds review, its approach and scope (February)

j) Viability assessments and delivery of affordable housing (March)

(2) Formulate a task and finish group at the September meeting of the scrutiny committee to consider the parks and playgrounds review and report back to the committee in February 2019.

CHAIR