



Scrutiny Committee

16:30 to 17:35

9 June 2022

Present: Councillors Wright (chair), Brociek-Coulton, Carlo, Galvin, Huntley, Osborn, Padda, Sands (M) (substitute for Driver), Sands (S) (substitute for Fulton-McAlister (M)), Stutely, Thomas (Va), Thomas (Vi) and Young

Apologies: Councillors Driver and Fulton-McAlister (M)

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Appointment of the vice chair

RESOLVED, to appoint Councillor Brociek-Coulton as vice chair for the ensuing civic year.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED, to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2022

4. Report from the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A written update from Councillor Giles had been circulated to members and members were asked to email Councillor Giles directly with any comments or questions.

RESOLVED to note the update of the council's representative on the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5. Appointment of the member and substitute member of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (NHOSC)

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Brociek-Coulton as the council's representative and Councillor Stutely as substitute to the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6. Appointment of the member and substitute member of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Sub Panel

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Vivien Thomas as the representative and Councillor Stutely as the substitute to the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Sub Panel.

7. Terms of reference for scrutiny select committees

The chair presented the report. Members discussed the need for clear guidelines and expectations on who would be responsible for drafting reports and how information could be gathered by any select committee.

The monitoring officer suggested the following amendments:-

To amend point e) under “expectations on the Chair of the group” to read “Presenting reports of the group, including progress reports to the appointing committee”

To add the following under “Methodology and timeframes”: “Expectations with regards to written reports, including how it should be produced”.

To add the following under “Methodology and timeframes”: “What information will be required to provide an evidence base for the group and how this will be sourced”.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Amend the terms of reference for scrutiny select committees as suggested by the Monitoring Officer; and
- 2) adopt the amended terms of reference for scrutiny select committees.

8. Scrutiny work programme 2022-23

The chair presented the report and highlighted that the informal workshop, held on 26 May, had been successful in shaping a draft work programme. The work programme was a standing item on the scrutiny committee agenda, so changes to the work programme could be made throughout the year.

Members discussed the October meeting in particular with regard to the topic of County Lines. Members commented that in their view County Lines should be the priority. A member commented that County Lines and Anti-social behaviour were intimately linked. The executive director of community services highlighted that a community safety strategy was being drafted which would take a holistic look at the way in which residents’ safety would be impacted. She added that it would be helpful for the committee to pre-scrutinise this strategy. Members discussed that the work on County Lines would need to be fully scoped.

Members discussed the topic of welcoming refugees with a view to considering this earlier in the civic year. It was agreed that the piece of work would need to be fully scoped before the September meeting of the committee at which members would decide whether a select committee would be the most appropriate mechanism for this topic.

RESOLVED to:-

- 1) Agree the work programme with the focus of the October meeting to be County Lines
- 2) To ask the committee officer to invite the appropriate members of the Norfolk Constabulary or the Police and Crime Commissioner to the October meeting on County Lines; and
- 3) Ask members to bring a full scope on the Welcoming Refugees topic to the September meeting to agree the way forward for this topic.

CHAIR