

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2025

Present:-

Cllr. Nick Brown (Chairman - Scrutiny Commissioner)
Cllr. Neil Wright (Vice-Chairman - Scrutiny Commissioner)

Cllr. Luke Cousin
Cllr. Susan Findlay

Cllr. Janet Forey
Cllr. Antony Moseley

Cllr. Matt Tomeo

Officers present:-

Marc Greenwood	- Executive Director - Place
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Avisa Birchenough	- Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer

Apologies:-

Cllr. Royston Bayliss, Cllr. Adrian Clifford and Cllr. Roy Denney

260. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

No disclosures were received.

261. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2025, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

262. **CORPORATE PLAN UPDATE**

The Chairman Cllr. Nick Brown welcomed the Executive Director (Place) to the meeting. The Executive Director provided an update to Members which covered the following points:

- Examples of 2024/25 achievements, e.g. health festival and solar panels at the depot.
- Strategic objectives
- Measures for success
 - Corporate indicators tracked through iPlan
 - Service plans
 - Qualitative analysis
 - Partnership measures
 - Resident feedback
 - Business and Partnership feedback interaction
 - Growth of key sectors in the District

Cllr. Nick Brown questioned the impact of Local Government Reorganisation on the new corporate plan and if any projects had been paused as a result. The Executive Director responded that impact has been minimal to date and it was too early to pause any projects.

Cllr. Luke Cousin commented that the new plan did not have enough tangible detail and questioned what the new plan was delivering for residents. The Executive Director responded that some benefits for residents included:

- Increase in temporary housing
- EV charging – meeting the Council's net zero target
- Residents will have access to events throughout the year through the Tourism Growth Plan
- Residents will be able to access walking and cycling routes provided through Active Travel infrastructure
- Community Safety Partnership Action Plan will ensure areas are safer, and address any issues that arise

Cllr. Luke Cousin noting an action for the Communications Service, requested that the service review how the Council communicates with residents not online. Residents not online rely on Parish Councils who print and post local magazines and newsletters to their local residents.

Members discussed various ways that parishes communicate to residents and how the Council disseminates information to them. The Chairman added this item would be added to the Commissioners agenda for them to consider at their next meeting.

Cllr. Matt Tomeo queried how residents in Lubbesthorpe were informed of the upcoming leisure offer as there had been a delay in this action. Cllr. Matt Tomeo requested further engagement with residents on this and the

Chairman added this action would also be added to the Commissioners agenda for further consideration.

The Executive Director also responded, that further updates will be provided to the Commissioners on how the council communicates with residents not online and the leisure offer to Lubbethorpe.

The Chairman thanked the Executive Director for attending the meeting.

263. SCRUTINY TASK AND FINISH GROUP: REVIEW INTO RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF STAFF

Considered – report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer.

Cllr. Neil Wright who chaired the task and finish group thanked the Service Managers who attended a meeting to provide their feedback, HR Officers who provided information and data to Scrutiny and Members of the group for their input.

DECISIONS

1. That the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group's final report and recommendation be approved.
2. That the report findings and recommendations be submitted to the meeting of Cabinet Executive on 12 May 2025.

Reason:

Scrutiny Commission has a mandate to consider reports from Task and Finish Groups and after discussion request changes to or endorse the report for submission to Cabinet and relevant partners as necessary.

264. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2024-2025

Members accepted the updated Work Programme, noting the Scrutiny Work Programme Planning Session on 3 June 2025.

Following the announcement rejecting the HNRFI, the Chairman requested that a debrief be added to the Commissioners agenda, so that next steps could be discussed.

It was also agreed that the local policing item be considered for inclusion on the 2025/26 Work Programme.

265. CONSIDERATION OF FORWARD PLAN ITEMS

No items were raised for further information or examination.

266. FURTHER ACTIONS FOR SCRUTINY ARISING FROM MEETING

Items for Commissioners to consider at their next meeting:

- Consider how the Council communicates with residents not online.
- Lubbesthorpe leisure provision and engagement with local residents.
- HNRFI – next steps.
- Local Police – item to be considered by Commissioners for inclusion on the 25/26 Work Programme.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.15 P.M.