

Minutes of the meeting of the SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE held at 9.30 am on Thursday,  
15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at Main Committee Room,  
Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UU

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Present

Councillor Mrs C S Cookman (in the Chair)

Councillor C A Dickinson  
K G Hardisty

Councillor J Noone  
Ms C Palmer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S P Dickens, G W Ellis, R W Hudson, D Hugill, B Phillips and A Wake.

SC.30 **MINUTES**

**THE DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 January 2018 (SC.26 - SC.29), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

SC.31 **POLICY REVIEW - ENFORCEMENT POLICY ON FLY-TIPPING**

All Wards

A report of the Chairman of the Committee was considered which reminded the Committee of the terms of reference of the review and of information which had been identified in the Project Plan.

The report also presented a copy of the draft final report for consideration by the Committee prior to submission to Cabinet in April 2018. The Committee considered the recommendations detailed in the draft report and agreed a minor amendment to recommendation (1).

**THE DECISION:**

That it be recommended to Cabinet that:-

- (1) it be noted that the current Enforcement Policy on Fly-tipping was not currently effective and no longer fit for purpose and required updating, although the Committee recognised that this work was already being undertaken;
- (2) the draft updated Enforcement Policy be presented to Scrutiny Committee for consideration at the appropriate time;
- (3) consideration be given to providing more promotion and publicity about fly-tipping and enforcement to raise awareness;
- (4) information on the Council's website regarding fly-tipping be updated, including exploring the possibility of an interactive portal to report incidents; and
- (5) consideration be given to more multi-agency working to tackle the issue within North Yorkshire.

SC.32 **POLICY REVIEW - APPRENTICES AND GRADUATES SCHEMES**

All Wards

A report of the Chairman of the Committee was considered which reminded the Committee of the terms of reference of the review and of information which had been identified in the Project Plan.

The report also presented a copy of the draft final report for consideration by the Committee prior to submission to Cabinet in April 2018.

**THE DECISION:**

That it be recommended to Cabinet that:-

- (1) it be noted that the current arrangements for the Apprentice and Graduates Schemes are effective, fit for purpose and good value for money;
- (2) officers investigate the possibility of providing an online application form for the Apprentice and Graduates Schemes;
- (3) consideration be given to identifying whether there is any additional funding available to invest in the schemes in future years; and
- (4) the Committee supports the continuation of the Apprentices and Graduates Schemes.

SC.33 **COUNCIL PERFORMANCE 2017/18 (QUARTER 3)**

All Wards

The Director of Finance (s151 Officer) presented a report setting out the Quarter 3 Performance for 2017/18. The Committee asked a number of questions which were responded to at the meeting and where further information was requested it was agreed that the Committee would be provided with this information separately.

**THE DECISION:**

That the progress made at Quarter 3 of 2017/18 against the Council Plan 2015-19 as detailed within Annex A of the report be noted.

SC.34 **REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT**

All Wards

The Director of Finance (s151 Officer) presented the quarterly monitoring report on the strategic risks affecting the Council.

To ensure that strategic risks were appropriately measured and that suitable actions were undertaken to mitigate the effect of each risk it had been agreed that the Scrutiny Committee would receive a quarterly monitoring report.

**THE DECISION:**

That the quarterly report on the strategic risks affecting the Council and the actions that are in place to mitigate the impact upon the Council of each risk be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.10 am

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Chairman of the Committee