

Minutes of the Resources Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Monday 25 November 2024

Chairman - Councillor M J Winnington

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

K M Aspin R A James
J A Barron A M Loughran
E L Carter A Nixon
M G Dodson J P Read

Also present:- Councillor R P Cooke, Resources Portfolio

J Pert

Officers in attendance:-

I Curran - Head of Law and Governance

J Aupers - Head of Transformation and Assurance

J Allen - Democratic Services Officer

RSC7 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2024, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

RSC8 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B McKeown (substituted by Councillor J A Barron) and J S Powell. Also, G Whitehouse, Head of Regulatory Services.

RSC9 Q2 Performance Report

The Head of Transformation and Assurance introduced the report and explained that the report contains information regarding quarter 1 and quarter 2.

There had been a delay in updating and agreeing the Council priorities which in turn delayed the reporting of Q1.

IC reported that there had been some complex FOI requests and some sickness absence within the department which has led to the target deadline not being reached in either Q1 or Q2.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.

RSC10 Review of the Constitution

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Governance recommending to agree the mechanism with which to undertake the annual review of the Constitution.

It was noted that the proposed dates for the task and Finish Review Working Group are:

- 17:30 on Tuesday 21 January 2025 (prior to the scheduled Resources Scrutiny Committee on that evening)
- 17:30 on Thursday 13 February 2025
- 17:30 on Wednesday 5 March 2025 (followed by the scheduled Resources Scrutiny Committee on that evening to confirm amendments)

Members and Officers will be emailed asking for any proposals to changes to the Constitution.

Members subsequently voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that:

- (a) committee establish a Task and Finish Review
 Working Group in order to undertake a review of the Council's current Constitution.
- (b) the working group will consist of all Members of the Resources Scrutiny Committee.

RSC11 Work Programme - Resources Scrutiny Committee

Considered a report presenting the Resources Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme.

It was requested that S106 Unallocated Monies be added to a future agenda.

VFM report to January meeting.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted subject to amendments.

CHAIR