Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2020
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: A link to the meeting can be found on the front page of the agenda.

Membership: (Quorum 3)

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Please note that public speaking has been suspended. However Public Participation will continue by written submission only. Please see detail set out below.

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES OF FORMER SCRUTINY COMMITTEES - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

To note the minutes of the Place Scrutiny Committee held on 23 July 2020 and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 19 August 2020.

Place Scrutiny Committee 23 July 2020
Resources Scrutiny Committee 19 August 2020

Please note that links to these minutes are included for information only and not for the purpose of confirming as a correct record.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

4 CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

To receive any updates from the Chairman of the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee and to note the committee’s terms of reference as set out below:

The Scrutiny Committees shall:
  (i) Challenge, review or scrutinise the decisions or actions taken by the Cabinet.
  (ii) Through the Call to Account process:-
        - Scrutinize and review decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the executive functions of the Council.
        - Consider petitions made in accordance with the Council’s Petitions Scheme requiring senior officers to be called to account at a public meeting of the Council.
  (iii) Through the Call-In process consider executive decisions.
  (iv) Provide clear focus upon the scrutiny of matters in relation to:-
        • The Council’s strategic approach to Dorset-wide objectives and the Corporate Plan
        • Budget plans
        • Transformation plans
• The effectiveness of partnership arrangements
  (v) Consider matters referred through the Councillor Call for Action.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive questions or statements on the business of the committee from town and parish councils and members of the public.

Public speaking has been suspended for virtual committee meetings during the Covid-19 crisis and public participation will be dealt with through written submissions only.

Members of the public who live, work or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area, may submit up to two questions or a statement of up to a maximum of 450 words. All submissions must be sent electronically to lindsey.watson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by the deadline set out below. When submitting a question please indicate who the question is for and include your name, address and contact details. Questions and statements received in line with the council’s rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

Questions will be read out by an officer of the council and a response given by the appropriate Portfolio Holder or officer at the meeting. All questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

The deadline for submission of the full text of a question or statement is 8.30am on Thursday 24 September 2020.

6 PROPERTY STRATEGY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT

To consider a report of the Corporate Director for Property and Assets. The committee have the opportunity to raise any comments which will be forwarded to Cabinet for their information.

7 REVIEW OF CABINET REPORT - APPROACH TO VALUE FOR MONEY

The Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee is invited to review the report, ‘Approach to Value for Money’, which will be considered by Cabinet on 6 October 2020. Comments made by the committee will be fed through to Cabinet.

A copy of the report which will be considered by Cabinet on 6 October 2020 is included on this agenda.
8 CORPORATE COMPLAINTS

To note the complaints performance during 2019/20 and quarter one of 2020/21 and consider how the committee can use complaint data to assist in its scrutiny role.

9 DRAFT PLACE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN

To review a draft forward plan for the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

10 CABINET FORWARD PLAN AND DECISIONS

To review the Cabinet Forward Plan and decisions taken at recent meetings.

11 URGENT ITEMS

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

12 EXEMPT BUSINESS

To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph x of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.

There is no exempt business.