



Notice of Meeting of

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CLIMATE AND PLACE**

**Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 10.00 am**

**Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT**

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Climate and Place

Chair: Councillor Martin Dimery

Vice-chair: Councillor Adam Boyden

Councillor Steve Ashton

Councillor Bente Height

Councillor Henry Hobhouse

Councillor Dave Mansell

Councillor Harry Munt

Councillor Alex Wiltshire

Councillor Alan Bradford

Councillor Edric Hobbs

Councillor Marcus Kravis

Councillor Matthew Martin

Councillor Tom Power

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The meeting will be webcast and a recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 12 September 2023

## **AGENDA**

**Scrutiny Committee - Climate and Place - 10.00 am Wednesday, 20 September 2023**

### **5 Work Programme and Action Tracker (Pages 5 - 8)**

To consider the Committee's Work Programme and Action Tracker.

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## Scrutiny Committee – Climate & Place – Outcome Tracker 2023 - 2024

Agenda items	Lead / Owner	Agreed Outcome	RAG Status
<b>17 May 2023</b>			
Approach to Climate and Place Scrutiny Committee	Jamie Jackson / Mickey Green	Members received a presentation on the principles of scrutiny and the approach being taken regarding scrutiny within the new Somerset Council, which would be reviewed after a year.	<b>Review of scrutiny in 2024</b>
Economy, Employment and Planning: Phosphates update -	Alison Blom-Cooper	<p>Statements were read out from Dr Andrew Clegg and David Orr. The Committee then received a presentation from which gave a high-level overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nutrient neutrality and the requirement for new developments to be phosphate neutral - 73 local authorities were affected.</li> <li>▪ The Somerset wide progress made to date.</li> <li>▪ The Leveling Up &amp; Regeneration Bill which was proposing the upgrading of treatment works.</li> <li>▪ The Government's Nutrient Mitigation Fund.</li> <li>▪ A update on phosphate an that phosphates from farming were still an important issue.</li> <li>▪ Progress being made in the River Tone catchment area.</li> <li>▪ The River Tone Phosphate Credit Scheme</li> <li>▪ The River Brue catchment area</li> <li>▪ The River Parrett catchment area</li> </ul> <p>The Committee noted the presentation.</p>	
Infrastructure and Transport: Highways Service Responsiveness update	David Carter	A task and finish group to review the Highways and Transport Services communication interfaces and service responsiveness with the following	On-going

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		<p>membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cllr Bente Height</li> <li>➤ Cllr Henry Hobhouse</li> <li>➤ Cllr Marcus Kravis</li> <li>➤ Cllr Dave Mansell</li> <li>➤ Cllr Tom Power</li> </ul> <p>Timescale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Task and Finish Group Terms of Reference to be agreed in June. Detailed proposal to be developed from the above.</li> <li>▪ Research and Interviews during June/July.</li> <li>▪ Draft report to be available in early September.</li> <li>▪ Task and Finish Group to meet fortnightly through the working period.</li> </ul>	
Climate, Environment and Sustainability: EV charging update	David Carter	The Committee was advised that the Council was looking at applying for additional funding from the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund in order to run a small scale Egully trial. The Egully enables the on-street charging of residential vehicles, where people do not have their own driveways, without trailing wires across pavements etc. After the trial they would then report back and develop a strategy based upon their findings.	<b>Progress report to come back to the Committee</b>
<b>19 July 2023</b>			
Public Question Time	Jamie Jackson	<p>Ms Bryczkowski asked questions about road safety on Sharpham Road and it was agreed that a written response would be given</p> <p>Members also raised the issue of sewage and phosphates and it was agreed that September's meeting would focus on this and</p>	Completed

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		that any extant items be considered in an additional meeting in October.	
Future Transport	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	<p>The Committee was advised that with the Council had to have a new Local Plan and Local Transport Plan in place by 2025. A presentation was given highlighting the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Transport Plan process</li> <li>• Guiding principles adopted by the Executive</li> <li>• Placemaking &amp; Movement principles</li> <li>• New 'vision led' approach to local transport plans which focused on outcomes and local priorities</li> <li>• Carbon reduction and the Local Transport Plan</li> <li>• County's carbon emission data</li> <li>• The proposed next stepsLocal Plan process</li> </ul> <p>Agreed that a Local Transport Plan Task &amp; Finish Group be set up.</p>	On going
Climate, Sustainability and Environment – Next Steps	Kirsty Larkins	<p>Members received a report setting out the next steps of the Council's strategic approach to Climate, Environment and Sustainability, to ensure that the Council was committed to reducing carbon emissions, achieving Net Zero and supporting nature's recovery.</p> <p>Agreed that a Climate Strategy Refresh Task &amp; Finish Group be set up</p>	On-going
Staplegrove Housing Infrastructure Fund	Paul Hickson	The Committee considered a report on the Staplegrove Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) that would be going to the Executive on 2 August 2023.	Completed

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		The report was noted and it was requested that the division members were engaged with.	
Mendip Local Plan - variation to order of 16 December 202	Alison Blom-Cooper	<p>The Committee received details of a report that had been taken to the Executive as an urgent matter following a judicial review of the Mendip Local Plan.</p> <p>They noted that it would have to go out for a further six weeks period of consultation.</p>	Completed
Scrutiny Call-ins	Jamie Jackson	<p>Members received a verbal update on a call-in request that had been received from a councillor about the Review of Parking Fees &amp; Charges 2023 considered by the Executive on 27 June 2023.</p> <p>It was noted that once, at the Chair's request, more detailed information had been provided the matter did not warrant being brought back to the Committee.</p>	Completed

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Completed	Action complete and will be removed from tracker for next meeting
Pending	Action on-going or plans in place to address.
Incomplete	No action currently in place with a minimum of 3 months since action agreed.