

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on matters arising from the previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The details summarise the progress made on achieving the desired outcomes from decisions taken by the Committee and requests from individual Elected Members. Once an action has been closed and the outcome reported to the Committee it will be removed from future reports.

Actions arising from the Committee are managed through the Council's Action Management system which was developed to capture and monitor the actions arising from (i) meetings of the Council and (ii) Internal Audit Reviews.

This is the a regular report that is brought the Committee and covers the actions identified at the previous meetings. The next version of this report, listing any actions previously identified together with the progress achieved shall be brought to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 February 2023.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RESOLVE That the report be noted.

The Committee has the authority to determine the recommendation set out above.
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Background Papers:	None.
Reporting Person:	Councillor Ayesha Azad cllrayesha.azad@woking.gov.uk
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Update on Actions Arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

held on 21 November 2022

Minute 3		Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes
3.1	Action	The Committee requested at the meeting held on 26 September 2022 that information on how the Centres were monitored by the Communities Team be provided.
	Progress	KPIs are being developed and will be reported as part of the Living Well stats that are reviewed by the Health and Wellbeing Task Group.
	Responsible Person	Adam Thomas
	Status	Completed

Minute 6		Celebrate Woking 2022/2023 Review and Forward Plan
6.1	Action	Officers were asked to explore the reinstallation of photos that bedecked Market Walk for a number of years.
	Progress	Officers are investigating if and when the photos can be reinstalled.
	Responsible Person	Riëtte Thomas / Daid Loveless
	Status	Ongoing
6.2	Action	Officers were asked to explore whether a food festival could be considered as part of future Celebrate Woking programmes.
	Progress	Officers are investigating if a food festival could be added in future years.
	Responsible Person	Riëtte Thomas
	Status	Completed

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6.3	Action	Officers were asked to explore means of promoting events held by local sports clubs in the 2023 Celebrate Woking programme.
	Progress	Officers are what events are being run and can be added into the programme.
	Responsible Person	Riëtte Thomas
	Status	Ongoing

Minute 8		Energy Efficiency Report
8.1	Action	Officers requested to provide statistics on Council tenants in fuel-poverty and what there projections are for fuel-poverty this Winter.
	Progress	There is little information on the rates of fuel poverty specifically. The Government publishes data at a high level periodically; however, the most recent subregional data is from 2020. The Government produced a briefing on 9 May 2022 examining likely fuel poverty trends: Fuel Poverty in the UK.
	Responsible Person	Tracey Haskins / Adam Browne
	Status	Completed
8.2	Action	Members enquired what specific elements of national and local planning policy could be used to compel private developers to include more energy efficient designs and specific renewable energy technologies.
	Progress	This is being addressed as part of the review of the Supplementary Planning Document.
	Responsible Person	Planning Policy
	Status	Completed

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Minute 9		Pre-Decision Scrutiny – Risk Management Update
9.1	Action	The Committee made several recommendations to change the Strategic Risk Register: inclusion of tracking risk changes between editions of the register; removal of acronyms or inclusion of a glossary of terms; energy costs, inflationary risks and risk of not meeting 2030 Carbon Neutral target be more overtly represented; and climate risks be represented.
	Progress	Officers have taken the recommendations on board and they have been reflected in the Report to the Executive.
	Responsible Person	Strategic Directors
	Status	Completed
Minute 10		Work Programme
10.1	Action	The Committee requested that Thames Water be invited to discuss the local waterways.
	Progress	Thames Water have joined the meeting on 23 January 2023.
	Responsible Person	Democratic Services
	Status	Completed
10.2	Action	The Committee requested that Mark Rolt, ThamesWey CEO, be invited to provide an update.
	Progress	With the introduction of a new governance structure, including a ThamesWey Shareholder Advisory Group and Members briefing, it is considered not necessary at this time. This will be considered by the Committee as part of a review of the new Company Governance Structure in the 2023-24 Municipal Year.
	Responsible Person	Strategic Directors
	Status	Completed

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10.3	Action	The Committee requested that senior representatives of Victoria Square Woking Limited (VSWL) be invited to provide an update to the Company.
	Progress	With the introduction of a new governance structure, including a VSWL Shareholder Advisory Group and Members briefing, it is considered not necessary at this time. This will be considered by the Committee as part of a review of the new Company Governance Structure in the 2023-24 Municipal Year.
	Responsible Person	Strategic Directors
	Status	Completed
10.4	Action	Accept Affinity Water's offer to make a presentation to Members.
	Progress	Affinity Water have agreed to attend the meeting on 23 January 2023.
	Responsible Person	Strategic Directors
	Status	Completed
10.5	Action	Review of Surrey County Council's proposed bus route changes in response to the National Bus Back Better Policy. It had been recognised that the end of the consultation period prevented the item from being brought to the Committee.
	Progress	Officers have provided a response after having consulted the Portfolio Holder and Members of the Committee outside of the meeting. The response submitted is attached as an appendix to this report.
	Responsible Person	Planning Policy
	Status	Completed

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