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Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee

A virtual meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Monday, 11 January 2021**.

Note: In accordance with regulations in response to the current public health emergency, this meeting will be held virtually with members in remote attendance. Public access is via webcasting.

The meeting will be available to watch live via the Internet at this address:

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Agenda

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt please contact Democratic Services before the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 14)

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2020 (attached, cream paper).

3. **Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.

4. **Part II Matters**

Members are asked to indicate at this stage if they wish the meeting to consider bringing into Part I any items on the Part II agenda.

5. **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 15 - 26)

The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the 14 September meeting from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Appendix A) and at the 18 November meeting from the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure (Appendix B).

10.45 am 6. **Climate Change Strategy Delivery Plan** (Pages 27 - 64)

The Committee scrutinised the draft Climate Change Strategy at its meeting in June 2020, and decided to review the associated Delivery Plan (including the Carbon Management Plan) at an appropriate time.

An overview of the Strategy will be provided, together with presentations on governance arrangements and delivery to date.

The following documents are attached:

- Climate Change Delivery Plan (Appendix A)
- Carbon Management Plan (Appendix B)
- Latest available updates on performance (Appendix C)

The Committee is asked to consider and make recommendations in respect of:

1. The deliverability and adequacy of the Plan,
2. Progress to date.
3. The Climate Change Assessment Tool, to inform its development

Adjournment for lunch

The Committee will adjourn for 45 minutes for lunch

1.15 pm 7. **Strategic Budget Savings - Pre decision scrutiny** (Pages 65 - 70)

Report by Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is invited to consider any strategic savings proposals relevant to its portfolio area and to examine how and when scrutiny of those proposals can best be achieved in light

of plans and timelines indicated.

1.45 pm 8. **West Sussex Reset Plan and Key Performance Indicators**
(Pages 71 - 72)

Report by the Chief Executive.

The latest version of the West Sussex Reset Plan was presented to County Council in December 2020 for approval. During January each of the service scrutiny committees will focus attention on the priorities and outcomes specific to their area of council business and consider how scrutiny of performance may best be achieved in order to inform the proposals for Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). These measures will then be included in the final plan which will be presented alongside the budget for approval at County Council in February 2021.

The Committee is asked to consider the draft Plan and the portfolio-relevant proposed Key Performance Indicators as set out in the appendices (to follow), and make recommendations.

3.00 pm 9. **Requests for Call-in**

There have been no requests for call-in to the Scrutiny Committee and within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The Director of Law and Assurance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.

10. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 73 - 84)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 23 December 2020 – attached.

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of despatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

11. **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny**

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Select Committee, and suitable for scrutiny, e.g. raised with them by constituents arising from central government initiatives etc.

If any member puts forward such an item, the Committee's role at this meeting is just to assess, briefly, whether to refer the matter to its Business Planning Group (BPG) to consider in detail.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 3 March 2021 at 10.30am. Probable agenda items include:

- Update on WSCC Renewable Energy Schemes and Work to Refresh the Overall Strategy.
- Review of the New Approach to using Community Groups to Deliver Highways Services.
- Future of Community Highways Schemes and Community Traffic Regulation Orders.

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 22 February 2021.

Part II

13. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider in respect of the following item(s) whether the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of exemption under Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated below, and because, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exempt: Paragraph 3, financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority).

3.30 pm 14. Previous Requests for Scrutiny (Pages 85 - 90)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance **(for members of the Committee only)**.

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

To all members of the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee