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## **Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee**

A meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Wednesday, 20 September 2023** at **County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ**.

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### **Agenda**

- 10.31 am    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.
- 10.33 am    2.    **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.
- 10.38 am    3.    **Part I Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee**  
(Pages 5 - 16)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2023 (cream paper).
- 10.43 am    4.    **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 17 - 42)
- The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the previous meetings of the Committee.

10.48 am 5. **Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 - Quarter 1**  
(Pages 43 - 80)

Report by Director of Finance and Support Services, setting out the finance and performance position as at the end of June 2023.

The Committee is asked to examine the County Council's corporate performance, finance, savings delivery and business performance for services within the remit of this Committee and to make any recommendations for action to the relevant cabinet member.

Members are reminded that only the performance data on Community Support in Section 4 (Community Support, Fire and Rescue Portfolio) falls within the remit of this Committee.

**Adjournment for short break**

The Committee will adjourn for 15 minutes for a short break.

12.48 pm 6. **Highways Asset Management Strategy** (Pages 81 - 88)

Report by Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning).

The Committee is asked to consider:

- The current thinking and direction of travel regarding the asset management review to ensure alignment with the Council Plan and the County Council's responsibilities as the Highways Authority for West Sussex.
- The extent to which the local and national drivers will be accommodated.
- How the Strategy will seek to balance the competing demands faced by the Service.
- How well the Strategy will address network resilience in the face of climate change and forecast changes in the national fleet.
- How well the Strategy will address the needs of those with mobility issues accessing urban areas.
- The format and timing of any scrutiny engagement as the review work is taken forward.

2.03 pm 7. **Work Programme Planning and Possible Items for Future Scrutiny** (Pages 89 - 108)

The Committee is asked to agree its current draft work programme (attached at Appendix A and B), taking into account the Forward Plan of key decisions within its remit (attached at Appendix C) and any suggestions from its members for possible scrutiny taking into account the attached scrutiny checklist (attached at Appendix D).

2.13 pm 8. **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.

2.15 pm 9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 17 November 2023 at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include:

- Ash Dieback Update
- Performance and Resources Report – Quarter 2
- Digital Inclusion and Safety Strategy
- Strategic Intelligence Assessment Process
- Scrutiny of any budget implications 2024-25

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by Friday 8 September 2023.

## **Part II**

2.17 pm 10. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Committee is asked to consider in respect of the following item 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 that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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

2.18 pm 11. **Part II Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee**  
(Pages 109 - 110)

The Committee is asked to agree the Part II minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2023 (attached for members of the Committee only, gold paper).

**To all members of the Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee**

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