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

A meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 17 November 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.    **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 14)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2023 (cream paper).
- 10.43 am    4.    **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 15 - 20)
- The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at previous meetings of the Committee.

10.48 am 5. **Ash Dieback Action Plan** (Pages 21 - 80)

Report by Assistant Director Highways, Transport and Planning.

The Committee is asked to consider performance against the the Ash Dieback Action Plan and the proposed approach to the next phase of the programme.

11.38 am 6. **Strategic Intelligence Assessment Process** (Pages 81 - 92)

Under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, the Committee undertakes the Council's Crime and Disorder Functions.

The Committee is asked to scrutinise how the Strategic Intelligence Assessment Process is undertaken and how well the Community Safety Partnership uses the data to guide its priorities.

### **Adjournment for lunch**

The Committee will adjourn for 20 minutes for lunch.

1.13 pm 7. **Council Plan, Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Preparations for 2024/25 Draft Budget** (Pages 93 - 130)

Report by Director of Finance and Support Services.

The Committee is asked to review the County Council's budget pressures, proposed budget reductions and Capital Programme for 2024/25 within the remit of this Committee. Feedback from the Committee will be considered by Cabinet in preparing the final draft budget and Capital Programme 2024/25 that will be presented to County Council for approval in February 2024. An appendix has been included at the request of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, setting out more details on the proposals to expand the Household Waste Recycling Site booking system.

2.43 pm 8. **Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 - Quarter 2 - July - September 2023** (Pages 131 - 168)

Report by Director of Finance and Support Service, setting out the finance and performance position as at the end of September 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.

3.43 pm 9. **Work Programme Planning and Possible Items for Future Scrutiny** (Pages 169 - 186)

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).

3.53 pm 10. **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.

3.55 pm 11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 22 January 2024 at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include:

- Combatting Drugs Partnership – Harm to Hope Strategy
- New process for Traffic Regulation Orders and Community Highways Schemes
- Highways Major schemes – Lessons Learned

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by Friday 5 January 2024.

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

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