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Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Monday, 4 March 2024** 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 - 10)
- The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2024 (cream paper).
- 10.43 am 4. **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 11 - 16)
- The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at previous meetings of the Committee.

- 10.48 am 5. **Performance and Resources Report - Quarter 3 - 2023/24** (Pages 17 - 56)
- Report by Director of Finance and Support Services, setting out the finance and performance position as at the end of December 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.

- 11.48 am 6. **Major Incidents Affecting the Highways** (Pages 57 - 88)
- Report by Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning).
- The Committee is asked to scrutinise how the authority responds to major incidents related to highways (such as the Midhurst fire and the A29 at Pulborough) and consider any lessons learned which could be applied in the face of any such future incidents.

Adjournment for lunch

The Committee will adjourn for lunch.

- 1.18 pm 7. **Additional Highway Revenue Expenditure 2024/25** (Pages 89 - 116)
- Report by Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning).
- Further to the report received by the Committee at the meeting of 6 March 2023, the Committee is asked to scrutinise how the money was spent, with a view to informing how an additional allocation for 2024/25 should be spent, and how the additional Government local road repair/improvement grant might be spent.
- 2.18 pm 8. **Active Travel School Streets Trial** (Pages 117 - 124)
- Report by Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning).
- The Committee is asked to consider how the pilot schemes have performed to date and if/how future schemes will be rolled out.

3.03 pm 9. **Work Programme Planning and Possible Items for Future Scrutiny** (Pages 125 - 140)

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).

3.13 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.

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

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 14 June 2024 at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include:

- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- Business Planning Group Appointments
- Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 – Quarter 4
- Lane Rental Scheme
- Household Support Fund
- Climate Action and Adaptation Plan 2024-27 (CAAP)

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by Friday 31 May 2024.

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

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