

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

SERVICE DELIVERY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2024

PRESENT: Councillor L Malyon (Chair)

Councillors G Bentley, C Beswick, C Brady, J Cox, B Emery,
M Haines, I Herdman, K Hoptroff, V O'Shea, M Spooner,
L Swindlehurst and P Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor(s) C Atkins, P Barks, T Holmes, C Jebb, D Pascall,
P Roberts, M Swindlehurst, E Wain and N Yates

APOLOGIES: Councillor K Flunder

58 **NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS; IF ANY**

Councillor Holmes substituted for Councillor Flunder.

59 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 June 2024 be approved.

60 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:-**

No interests were declared.

61 **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS, IF ANY. (24 HOURS NOTICE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CHAIRMAN).**

There were no urgent items of business.

62 **QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS, IF ANY.**

There were none.

63 **STREET FURNITURE**

Members considered a report which provided an overview of the number of known Street Furniture (SF) assets held on the Asset Team's schedules within the Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC) area.

SF included benches, fingerposts, streetlamps, pigeon blocks, bollards, planters, signage, dustbins, and cycle-stands. SF can encourage positivity within high streets and local areas. For example benches located near private cafes alongside litter bins encourage waste to be deposited appropriately, keeping the area clear of unsightly rubbish.

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Members thanked Officers for the report, discussed some inaccuracies within and remarked at the visual impact street furniture had in the District.

It was suggested that any reactive repairs should be added to the asset register when reported, a lifecycle plan be established and County, Parish and Town Councils be involved to establish asset ownership. Further discussions were centred around data for villages, memorial benches, bicycle racks, street name plates and planters.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That any notable inaccuracies be reported to Officers.
3. That a Street Furniture Lifecycle Plan be prepared for Cabinet.
4. That the Street Furniture Lifecycle Plan return to this Panel for Scrutiny.

64 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chair advised members that the Leisure Operations Model Update scheduled for November would be removed from the work programme.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme be approved.

65 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

The Chair moved:-

“That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 10 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated.”

66 **WASTE REFORMS REPORT**

Members received a report covering the implications of the ‘Simpler Recycling’ reforms to Local Authority waste collection services and depot provision in the District.

67 **LEISURE OPERATIONS MODEL**

Members received an update on the progress made regarding the Leisure Transformation Plan and the creation of a new Council Controlled Company to take over the management of the Council’s Leisure Services.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm

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_____ Chairman