



Environment and  
Services Scrutiny  
Committee

17 July 2017

2.00 pm

Item

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**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2017  
2.00 - 3.35 PM**

**Responsible Officer:** Amanda.Holyoak@shropshire.gov.uk

**Present**

Councillor Cecilia Motley (Chair)

Councillors Tina Woodward (Vice-Chair), Andy Boddington, Ted Clarke, Rob Gittins,  
Nick Hignett, Keith Roberts and Leslie Winwood

**4 Apologies for absence and substitutions**

Apologies were received on behalf of Roger Hughes and Viv Parry.

**5 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

**6 Minutes of the meetings held on 6 March 2017 and 18 May 2017**

The minutes of the meetings held on 6 March 2017 and on 18 May 2017 were both confirmed as a correct record.

**7 Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

**8 Member Question Time**

There were no questions from members.

**9 Introduction to Scrutiny**

The Statutory Scrutiny Officer gave a presentation on the role and principles of Overview and Scrutiny at Shropshire Council (a copy is attached to the signed minutes).

He explained how Overview and Scrutiny was designed to enable the voice of local people to be heard, to inform and influence decisions of the Council, and to drive improvement through evidence based recommendations. He also emphasised that scrutiny should be member led, non-political and was not designed to address individual complaints.

He highlighted the Centre For Public Scrutiny website [www.cfps.org.uk](http://www.cfps.org.uk) as a useful point of reference for all Overview and Scrutiny Committee members. He also recommended that all Members attend both Scrutiny Training Sessions on 18 and 19 July with John Cade, from the Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham.

**10 Overview of the Key Functional Areas in Place and Enterprise and Public Health and the Key Development Areas**

George Candler, Director of Place and Enterprise and Rod Thomson, Director of Public Health, introduced themselves to the Committee.

Both Directors gave a presentation outlining the key functional areas within their Directorates, and details of income and expenditure. They explained that the new Communities Overview Committee would come into being following the Full Council meeting on 20 July 2017, and that this would replace the Environment Services Scrutiny Committee. A copy of their presentation is attached to the signed minutes.

They went on to outline key development areas within the next two years particularly drawing attention to the different stages of development of the following: a Cultural Strategy; Indoor Leisure Strategy; Libraries Strategy; Heritage and Museums Strategy; Countryside Access Strategy and Rights of Way Improvement Plan; working with Town and Parish Councils - Environmental Maintenance Grants, Local Joint Committees; support available to Voluntary and Community Sector; Resilient Communities and Healthy Lives, addressing social isolation; and the Shropshire Community Safety Partnership,

The Chairman thanked the Directors for the presentation, the content of which would help the Committee during discussions around its future work programme.

Chairman .....

Date .....