

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in the Floral Pavilion Theatre, Marine Promenade, New Brighton, Wirral, CH45 2JS on Wednesday, 14th July, 2021 the following Members were

P r e s e n t:

Councillors

J Abbott, D Burgess-Joyce, E Dourley, E Finneran, J Hansen, C Howard, A Jones, P Moloney, J Morgan, S Radford, A Rothery, K Taylor, A Teeling, P Thomas, M Uddin and C Waterfield.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2021/22

The Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer, Jill Coule opened the meeting and invited nominations for the appointment of Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Councillor Pat Moloney and seconded by Councillor David Burgess-Joyce nominated Councillor Pat Moloney as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22.

A vote was taken when there appeared –
For – 3
Against – 12

The first nomination was lost.

Councillor Steve Radford and seconded by Councillor Christine Howard nominated Councillor Steve Radford as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22.

A vote was taken when there appeared –
For – 12
Against – 2

The nomination was agreed.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Steve Radford be appointed Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22

Councillor Steve Radford
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(in the chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2021/22

The Chair, Councillor Steve Radford invited nominations for the appointment of Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Councillor John Morgan nominated Councillor Kai Taylor as the Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22. A vote was then taken when there appeared –

For – 12
Against – 0

RESOLVED - That Councillor Kai Taylor be appointed Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Haw, Dennis McDonnell, Julie McManus and Sir Ron Watson CBE.

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Steve Radford reported that the following Councillors were not re-appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and wished to place on record a formal vote of thanks to those Members for their service on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2020/21:-

Councillors Kevan Wainwright, Bill Woolfall, Louise Whitley, Tom Crone, Joanne Anderson, Tricia O'Brien, Jimmy Jackson, Michelle Sweeney, John Wiseman, Liz Dowd, Dr John Pugh, Jean Stapleton, Helen Cameron and Andy Corkhill.

The Chair also took the opportunity to welcome the following newly appointed Councillors to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

Councillors John Abbot, Eddie Dourley, Angela Teeling, Kai Taylor, Anna Rothery, Pam Thomas, James Hansen, Mancyia Uddin, Michael Haw, Dennis McDonnell, Julie McManus, David Burgess-Joyce and Pat Moloney.

The Chair asked each Member to identify themselves as their name was called out.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2021

The minutes of the inquorate meeting of the LCR Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10 March 2021 were approved as a correct record.

7. VERBAL UPDATE FROM METRO MAYOR STEVE ROTHERAM

Metro Mayor, Steve Rotheram provided the Committee with an update on his activities since the last meeting .

The Metro Mayor firstly congratulated Councillor Radford on his appointment as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Metro Mayor stated how pleased he was to see some familiar Committee Members but also quite a few new members for this year. He explained the importance of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work and the quoracy of meetings which does have an effect on the Combined Authority's Statement of Accounts. He thanked Committee Members who had made the journey to New Brighton and had invested the time to attend the meeting. He referred to the ongoing covid restrictions and the inability to hold the meeting in a virtual or hybrid format which had resulted in the meeting being held externally. The Metro Mayor was pleased that the meeting was being held in New Brighton, a favourite destination of his and for holidaymakers of his generation. He referred to the regeneration plans for New Brighton and the success of the independent businesses in the area and hoped that the investment from the Combined Authority would provide further opportunities to stimulate the local economy.

The Committee heard how the Metro Mayor had made it a priority to attend Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings in order to be an 'open and accountable' Metro Mayor for the Liverpool City Region. He felt that it was a privilege for himself and the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to serve the 1.6 million people of the City Region.

The Metro Mayor informed that Committee that the Combined Authority election results were a significant mandate for his return to office and he felt that it was recognition of the Mayoral Combined Authority's work in the Liverpool City Region. During his election campaign, residents were asking about the next steps for devolution. He reflected on his previous term and highlighted some examples of achievements including:-

- created more than 9000 jobs, 5500 apprenticeships and invested hundreds of millions of pounds in every part of our region; and
- control of major infrastructure planks such as transport, cheaper, quicker cleaner and greener and more accessible for all

The Metro Mayor referred to the development of the Corporate Plan which was a footprint for achievement and the opportunity for the Committee to scrutinise.

He also referenced the £150 million covid recovery fund and his confidence in the City Region's ability to 'bounce back' following the pandemic. He stressed that although 19 July 2021 was a significant milestone in terms of the relaxation of restrictions, it was important to remain cautious as transmission rates were still high.

The Committee were advised of the strategic importance of the 'visitor economy' for the City Region and work was being undertaken to optimise the fantastic cultural offer.

The Metro Mayor informed the Committee that he had attended a number of meetings with Government ministers on various issues on a regular basis to continue to press them for funding for the City Region. He had forged great links with the Welsh Government.

The Committee were informed that the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan had recently visited the City Region and viewed the new trains. Also the Shadow Chancellor, John McDonnell had visited the Metro Mayor and met with the Leader of Wirral Council, Janette Williamson to discuss work on the future innovation fund.

Also, the Metro Mayor, along with the Mayor for the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Andy Burnham had visited Tracy Brabin, the new West Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayor.

Members of the Committee were invited to ask questions of the Metro Mayor, Steve Rotheram.

The Chair, Councillor Steve Radford asked if the City Region would have a policy for wearing of face masks being maintained on public transport.

The Metro Mayor responded and stated that it was an important issue and the potential use of byelaws was being investigated in order to compel people to use face coverings. In the meantime, people were being strongly urged to continue to use face coverings on public transport. He remained an advocate of the use of face coverings and was the first politician in the Country to call for the use of masks on public transport and public places. The City Region did not have the same control over public transport as Transport for London, but the matter was still being looked at carefully.

The Chair asked that the Metro Mayor e-mail members when the position had been clarified.

Councillor David Burgess-Joyce expressed concern that the room was half-empty and found it unacceptable. He referred to the March 2021 meeting which was inquorate and asked if there was an opportunity to enforce members to attend Committee meetings or make the quorum smaller in order for decisions to be made? He felt that it was a valid point that out of respect for the Metro Mayor, that members should attend.

The Chair added that he felt that attendance should also be out of respect for the electorate.

The Metro Mayor responded and stated that the Government had set the quorum which was higher than the quorum for a Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He indicated that it was very high threshold at 66%.

The Monitoring Officer, Jill Coule indicated that the quorum was 66%, which was 14 out of a total of 20 members for this Committee. In Local Authorities the quorum was lower, but the Committee was legally obliged to have a quorum of 14 in order to proceed. Jill Coule also referred to the Metro Mayor's comments earlier regarding the Statement of Accounts and the impact on the Combined Authority in terms of best value and being held to account. Jill Coule added that ways to optimise the quorum could be investigated, e.g. timing/day of the meeting.

The Chair suggested that when the location for the next meeting was considered, that members provide feedback to Officers on where future meetings could take place and if colleagues could speak to the members who weren't in attendance in order to minimise non-attendance.

Councillor Angela Teeling apologised for being late which was due to work commitments and it was important to have a diverse range of people on the Committee. Councillor Teeling asked the Metro Mayor was being put in place to support small medium enterprises (SME's) to adapt to future skills and the green economy.

The Metro Mayor responded and stated that Local Authorities and the Government still have responsibility to support small businesses as well as the Combined Authority and support is still provided through those routes e.g. small business grants. In terms of the Local Enterprise Partnership, the Growth Platform is a mechanism to support businesses. He agreed that SMEs had been adversely affected over the past 18 months, alongside the impact of Brexit. The Mayor indicated that the green economy was a big opportunity for the City Region and ways to maximise this was being looked at. Trials were about to be commenced on hydrogen technology for buses as a form of energy with a view to future use in other areas of the economy. A report was due to be considered at a future meeting of the Combined Authority in relation to the Future Innovation Fund (FIF).

Councillor Anna Rothery referred to the Race Equality Declaration of Intent and asked if any money had been set aside to support local businesses from the black and minority ethnic (BAME) community in terms of support to access funding available to them. She added that it was widely known that businesses from the BAME community were less likely to access funding through banks etc. Councillor Rothery stated that in her experience, in terms of the equality agenda, there was very limited funding available to support BAME businesses.

The Metro Mayor responded and stated that the Liverpool City Region were one of the first to put something in place around Race Equality which was now embedded in the investment strategy for the City Region. There had been significant investment in BAME projects, and the Combined Authority worked closely with the Kuumba Imani Centre on projects in development. The Metro Mayor also mentioned Kindred and also referred to some additional funding which was subject to Combined Authority approval specifically aimed at BAME businesses to redress the balance.

The Metro Mayor stated that structural change was needed to tackle racism and everybody needed to play their part across the City Region. The Combined Authority wanted to be an exemplar and the driver for change.

Councillor Pat Moloney agreed with Councillor David Burgess-Joyce's comments on attendance at meetings. He asked if substitute members for Councillors who were unable to attend for valid reasons was an option for consideration.

The Metro Mayor agreed that alternative mechanisms needed to be considered but this was not an option available. He asked the Monitoring Officer to confirm that was the case.

Councillor Radford asked that the answer to that question be circulated to members separately.

The Vice-Chair, Councillor Kai Taylor congratulated the Metro Mayor on his re-election. He understood the issues regarding attendance at Committee meetings but also appreciated that some members may not want to attend public meetings for various reasons relating to the pandemic. The Vice-Chair asked if consideration could be given to the wording when sending communications.

The Vice-Chair indicated that he represented Prescott South Ward and indicated how Prescott Town Centre was a great example of what devolution could do to support regeneration and encourage independent businesses. He asked if any

work has been undertaken to assess when the City Region would be back at pre-covid levels of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

The Metro Mayor responded and urged members to visit Prescott to see what can be done with limited funding and how this was the catalyst for the renaissance of Prescott Town Centre. He referred to the 'Shakespeare North' development and the effect that this project had on the regeneration of Prescott and what the new facilities would include. On the back of the major development, this enabled further funding bids for the public realm and Prescott Railway Station which demonstrated the knock-on effect to the area. This was done in partnership with Knowsley Council and its Leader, Councillor Graham Morgan. Also, 2022 was Knowsley Borough's Year of Culture where the Shakespeare North Building would be open.

Councillor Mancyia Uddin also congratulated the Metro Mayor on his re-election. She referred to Councillor Teeling's question and stated that in St Helens, there was a 'Climate Emergency' Fund which was £120,000 for small businesses and community organisations to support small changes.

Councillor Anna Rothery referred to the recent rise in hate crime in Liverpool in relation to the LGBTQIA community, but also the rise in racism and appalling treatment of players in the England squad during the recent Euro 2020 tournament. She felt that the City Region ought to communicate a strong message of 'zero tolerance' of this behaviour, particularly in light of these recent events.

The Chair, Councillor Steve Radford, agreed with Councillor Rothery and added that it felt like society had stepped back 15 years following recent events.

The Metro Mayor informed the Committee that he had immediately put a statement out following the recent incidents of hate crime indicating that he would make contact with Merseyside's Police and Crime Commissioner, Emily Spurrell and the Chief Constable of Merseyside Police, Serena Kennedy. He had spoken with them both that week in relation to the incidents and stressed in his statement that everybody was welcome in the City Region, but bigotry, hatred and intolerant behaviour was not. It was important to consistently re-inforce what the City Region was about. The Metro Mayor stated that more needed to be done to educate around tolerance and that diversity was something to be celebrated. Intolerance should be dealt with using the full weight of the law. He added that made an appeal on the radio recently to encourage people to use their mobile phones to film anyone carrying out threatening behaviour and not to be afraid to share the footage with the Police with a view to stopping it from happening.

Councillor John Abbott referred to the 3rd sector and the pivotal role that they had played during the pandemic. He stated that an awful lot of small organisations/charities had folded due to lack of available funding. He asked if there were any support or resources that could be readily accessed via the Combined Authority.

The Metro Mayor informed the Committee that all Combined Authority funding had to go through the assurance framework and it was not there to replace Local Authorities or counter the effects of austerity. He added that the week before lockdown in 2020, the 'LCR Cares' fund had been established which raised £3 million and every penny was awarded to various organisations/initiatives within the community and voluntary sector. The Metro Mayor stated that the 3rd Sector was worth £5 billion to the local economy and do fantastic work in communities. He added that he wanted to ensure a level playing field so that 3rd sector businesses can bid in

along side every other business and that their bid would be judged in a similar way. Social value had also been embedded into the Combined Authority's procurement processes. The Metro Mayor referenced an initiative called 'Kindred' which was a £5 million project to support the growth of the social economy and indicated that information on this project could be shared with Committee members if required.

Councillor Abbott indicated that he worked for a charity and wasn't aware of these mechanisms for support, so it was likely that other charitable organisations were also unaware.

The Chair indicated that a community charity that he worked for had received funding from 'LCR Cares' following being signposted by Liverpool CVS. He was aware that 'awards for all' and a number of charities were pursuing support for charities who have experienced difficulties during covid and he offered to link up with Councillor Abbott on this issue.

Councillor Edna Finneran referenced the comments made regarding the rise in hate crime and felt that knowledge and awareness around the LGBTQIA community and race equality should be taught in schools at an early stage.

Councillor Dourley commented on support for businesses and suggested that a major issue faced in the future was the move to electric vehicles. Electric vehicles were currently very expensive and businesses would struggle to bear these costs. He also referred to the prospect of change from gas to electric central heating as gas boilers were being phased out. In relation to attendance at Committee meetings, he asked how many members were employed or had work commitments and would that be a good starting point.

The Chair felt that it would be more appropriate to ask members to comment about meeting location and timing rather than employment.

The Metro Mayor responded to Councillor Dourley's comments. In relation to attendance at meetings, he stated that members were nominated by the Leaders of each Local Authority political group and they are aware of the onerous nature of Overview and Scrutiny committee work. In his personal opinion, he felt that the role should be remunerated, similar to the Transport Committee so that members feel that their value is recognised.

The Metro Mayor responded to Councillor Dourley's comments on vehicles and indicated that a bid had been submitted to Government for a scrappage allowance scheme and this mainly related to the creation of clean air zones. He also mentioned the need to invest in infrastructure across the City Region to provide the facility and charging points. Work was already being undertaken with Scottish Power to develop this project.

In relation to hydrogen boilers, work had taken place with Government to attract funding for the whole of the north west, to trial retrofitting and Local Authorities were carrying out assessments of their housing stock with a view to commencing retrofitting before the end of 2021. If the project was successful it should lead to more funding. The City Region was well ahead in striving to achieve its carbon neutral targets. The Metro Mayor suggested that members look at the 'Hynet' project as a potential topic for Overview and Scrutiny to consider.

The Metro Mayor responded to an earlier question from Councillor Abbott and reported that a number of organisations in the Halton area had received funding from

'LCR Cares'. They were Halton Play Council, Halton Citizens Advice, Halton Carers Centre, Halton Veterans Community and So Halton.

RESOLVED – That the Metro Mayor be thanked for his attendance at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY CORPORATE PLAN 2021-24

The LCR Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Development and Delivery which outlined the framework of the Combined Authority's three-year corporate plan to deliver its vision, strategic objectives and key deliverables.

The Full plan had also been circulated to members of the Committee as a supplementary document. It was reported that the Corporate Plan was the highest-level delivery document for the Combined Authority. It would also assist in shaping the future work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Regular performance updates on the plan would be provided to the Committee periodically.

Lucy Barrow, Assistant Director, Corporate Development gave a presentation to the Committee which highlighted:-

- The outline of the Corporate Plan;
- Its purpose and vision;
- The 5 priority areas that align to the vision;
- An overview of the key activity areas;
- The process for development and delivery of the Corporate Plan; and
- A brief overview of what success would look like.

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Steve Radford invited questions or comments on the presentation:-

The Vice-Chair, Councillor Kai Taylor commented on the late circulation of the full version of the Corporate Plan the previous day and whether this was normal practice?

The Chair agreed with Councillor Taylor and undertook to encourage that documents were circulated in good time. Also in the event that information was circulated late that Officers could undertake to respond to members questions outside of the meeting.

Councillor Anna Rothery referred to the final slide regarding BAME business support, and asked if this was financial support for business start-up or through another party for business advice and support?

Lucy Barrow responded and stated that it referred to a range of support and that it was set out in more detail within the Race Equality Programme. She undertook to provide more detail following the meeting.

Councillor David Burgess-Joyce commented on the weight of the document and suggested that a dashboard format with a traffic light system would be easier to read. He added that it would be useful to see the figures for monitoring purposes.

Lucy Barrow undertook to provide information in that format in future updates.

Councillor Christine Howard referenced the 'Fairer City Region' strand of the plan, in particular a Food Poverty Reduction Strategy. Both Liverpool City and Sefton Councils had declared a 'food poverty emergency' and it was important that the Combined Authority was working in tandem with Local Authorities on this issue. Councillor Howard added although welfare reform was in the direct control of the Liverpool City Region, she advised that many people using foodbanks were in receipt of benefits, but they were also used by many in full employment. As employment and skills was within the remit of the Combined Authority and as part of the work programme going forward, she was interested to know what could be done to ensure that employers operating within the City Region were paying the real living wage and above with proper terms and conditions, support unionisation and treat employees with respect. She asked if this could be included as part of the work programme so it could be explored in more detail.

The Chair indicated that this could be picked up under Item 8, Work Programme in more detail.

Lucy Barrow indicated that the comments had been helpful, and it highlighted the importance of looking across the plan. Work would be continuing with Local Authorities and external partners around the Food Poverty Reduction Strategy and it also linked in with the 'Stronger City Region' strand which included encouraging companies to sign up to the Fair Employment Charter. She undertook to draw those areas out when reporting back to the Committee on progress and welcomed the comment on developing a dashboard style approach which could be done in consultation with the Committee.

RESOLVED – That:-

- (i) The content of the report and the Liverpool City Region's Corporate Plan for 2021-24 including its vision, priorities, strategic objectives and key deliverables, be noted;
- (ii) further work be progressed to develop a medium-term financial plan which aligns resources to the Corporate Plan priorities for its duration; and
- (iii) it be noted that progress on the delivery of the Corporate Plan will be presented to future meetings of the Combined Authority and Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

9. WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer which provided some proposals for areas of activity which assist in the development of its work programme for 2021/22.

Trudy Bedford, Statutory Scrutiny Officer highlighted that the work programme should reflect the powers and functions of the Combined Authority.

The draft Programme for 2021/22 was detailed at Appendix One to the report and Appendix Two set out a topic criteria matrix to support Members of the Committee in designing the work programme

Trudy Bedford also indicated that having a work programme that was flexible and highlighted areas of importance would support the Committee in making its biggest contribution to the work of the Combined Authority. The programme would be presented to each meeting of the Committee for review in order to ensure that it reflected current priorities and key issues.

The work programme was split into three sections which aimed to:-

- Encourage a pre-scrutiny approach to provide an opportunity for input into reports before they were presented to the Combined Authority for approval;
- review the implementation of recommendations from previous task and finish groups; and
- include briefings from Portfolio Holders in order to inform the development of future topics for inclusion in the programme.

The three suggestions for task and finish groups detailed at section 4.3 of the report were also highlighted. In particular, 'social value' which was currently being reviewed by Wirral Council. Trudy Bedford suggested that the work being undertaken by Wirral Council be looked at with a view to broadening it out across other Local Authorities and the Combined Authority to ensure that the work has as much impact as possible within the communities of the City Region.

In addition, to ensure that Members are kept abreast of Combined Authority activity it was proposed that written and/or verbal briefings be provided to Members of the Committee. This would be to provide an understanding of developing activities within the Combined Authority and determine what further scrutiny action was required. The briefings will also be topic specific explaining the history of the topic and its performance to date.

Trudy Bedford also referred to Appendix Three to the report which was the scoping document used in relation to task and finish Groups.

Trudy concluded by requesting members views on the content of the draft work programme detailed at Appendix One to the report.

The Chair requested members to focus on the recommendations and if members had any views after the meeting, they could be communicated to Officers separately.

Trudy Bedford also referred to the following suggestions submitted by members since the work planning session on 30 June which would be included within the work programme:-

- Bus Strategy;
- Update on the Air Quality Action Plan;
- Update on the review of the LCR LEP;
- Employment, learning and skills with an emphasis on the green economy; and
- Employment support for people with mental health issues.

Trudy also highlighted the suggestions made during the meeting in relation to:-

- Food Poverty;

- Fair Employment Charter; and
- Hynet.

The Chair also suggested the inclusion of support for BAME businesses mentioned by Councillor Anna Rothery.

RESOLVED That:-

- (i) the topics detailed at paragraph 3.4 to the report be included within the work programme for 2021/22;
- (ii) the following topics suggested by members be added to the work programme for 2021/22:-
 - Employment, learning and skills with an emphasis on the green economy;
 - Employment support for people with mental health issues;
 - Food Poverty;
 - Fair Employment Charter; and
 - Hynet;
 - Business support for the BAME community; and
- (iii) the Statutory Scrutiny Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee be authorised to complete the process of finalising the work programme and scoping the Task and Finish Groups, taking into consideration the views of the Committee.

10. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2021/22

The Committee considered the report of the Monitoring Officer relating to the appointment of scrutiny members to the Liverpool City Region Audit and Governance Committee for 2021/22.

Trudy Bedford, Statutory Scrutiny Officer reported that nominations were sought for four members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprising of two Labour Councillors, one Liberal Democrat Councillor and one Conservative Councillor to sit on the Audit and Governance Committee for 2021/22. In addition, nominations were also sought for four substitute members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprising of two Labour Councillors, one Liberal Democrat Councillor and one Conservative Councillor.

The following Councillors were nominated for appointment as Members and Substitute Members of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2021/22:-

Liberal Democrat:-

Member – Councillor Pat Moloney

Substitute Member – Councillor Michael Haw

Conservative:-

Member – Councillor David Burgess-Joyce

Substitute Member – Councillor Sir Ron Watson CBE

In relation to the Labour nominations, Councillor Christine asked the Chair if it was possible to have a short adjournment of the meeting to discuss the matter.

Prior to the adjournment the Chair indicated that in relation to attendance at meetings, Committee members would receive a questionnaire canvassing their views of ways to increase participation in Overview and Scrutiny meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am

The meeting resumed at 12:00pm

The following Labour Councillors were nominated for appointment as Members and Substitute Members of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2021/22:-

Members:-

Councillor Edna Finneran; and
Councillor James Hansen.

Substitute Members:-

Councillor Christine Howard; and
Councillor John Morgan.

RESOLVED – That the following members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee for 2021/22: -

Members

Labour – Councillors Edna Finneran and James Hansen
Liberal Democrat – Councillor Pat Moloney
Conservative – Councillor David Burgess-Joyce

Substitute Members

Labour – Councillors Christine Howard and John Morgan
Liberal Democrat – Councillor Michael Haw
Conservative – Councillor Sir Ron Watson CBE

11. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Steve Radford stressed the need to proceed with task and finish groups. He added that information on some of the questions raised would be circulated prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

Following the Chairman's remarks, Councillor Christine Howard informed the meeting that Councillor Anna Rothery has been nominated as the Labour Group spokesperson on the Committee.

The Chair indicated that the venue for the next meeting was still to be determined and that Committee members were welcome to put forward any suggestions. He thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Minutes 1 to 11 received as a correct record on the 8 day of September 2021.

Chair of the Committee

(The meeting closed at 12.06 pm)

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