

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 7th July, 2022
at 2.00 pm. (Banqueting Hall)

A G E N D A

PART ONE

1. Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members.

2. Urgent Items

To deal with any items which the Chair considers to be of an urgent nature.

3. Delegations

To receive notice from Members who may wish to move any delegated matter non-delegated and which will be decided by a majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.

4. Admission of Public and Press

To consider whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

6. Minutes 5 - 6

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May, 2022.

7. Public Participation

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(1) Questions and Representations

To receive any questions or representations which have been received from members of the public

(2) Deputations and Petitions

To receive any deputations or petitions which have been received from members of the public.

FOR DECISION

(D) 8. Anti-Social Behaviour Town Centre Update 7 - 10

To provide an update on action being taken by the Safe and Strong Communities Team in partnership with other agencies locally in relation to recent anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre.

() 9. Work Programme Update 11 - 16

To consider the reviews undertaken by the Work Groups and determine whether further action is required.

PART TWO

(D) 10. Supported Accommodation 17 - 28

To provide an update on Supported Accommodation.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION BY VIRTUE OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF PART ONE OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

NOTE (D) – Delegated
(R) – For Referral to Council

Membership of Committee

Councillors Ronson (Chairman)
 Cassidy (Vice-Chair)
 Gawne
 Hall
 Johnston
 W. McClure
 McEwan
 Mcleavy
 Morgan
 Preston
 Robson
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BOROUGH OF BARROW IN FURNESS

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday 26th May, 2022
at 2.00 pm.

PRESENT: - Councillors Ronson (Chairman), Cassidy (Vice-Chairman), Gawne, W. McClure, McEwan, McLeavy, Morgan, Preston, Robson and C. Thomson.

Officers Present: - Helen Houston (Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy), Jon Huck (Democratic and Electoral Services Manager) and Matthew Park (Planning Officer).

1 – Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been submitted from Councillor Hall.

2 – Declarations of Interest

Councillors Cassidy, Gawne and McEwan declared an Other Registrable Interest in agenda item 9 - Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions SPD. They were Members of Cumbria County Council.

3 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th March, 2022 were taken as read and confirmed.

4 – Public Participation

RESOLVED: - To note that no questions, representations, deputations or petitions had been received in respect of the meeting.

5 – Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: - To note the revised Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6 – Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions SPD

Helen Houston the Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy reported that the purpose of the report was to seek approval of the Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Barrow.

The SPD sets out the Council's proposed approach to the delivery of affordable housing and to seek financial contributions from developers for infrastructure and services.

The document had been prepared under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

A number of questions were asked regarding Affordable Housing and parking.

It was moved by Councillor McEwan and seconded by Councillor Robson, and

RESOLVED: -

1. To note the content of the Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions SPD and the consultation which has been undertaken and provide any feedback on the document; and
2. To agree that the SPD be submitted to Executive Committee followed by Full Council for adoption.

The meeting closed at:2.23 pm.

PART ONE

**Barrow Borough Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thursday, 7 July 2022
Anti-Social Behaviour Town Centre Update**

Report from: Deputy Director of People and Place

Report Author: Caroline Wagstaff

Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 The purpose of this report is to give Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee an update on action being taken by the Safe and Strong Communities Team in partnership with other agencies locally in relation to recent anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 **It is recommended that Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

(1) Note the contents of the report in line with the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

(2) Agree the partnership approach to addressing anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 Over recent months there has been a surge in anti-social behaviour within the Town Centre causing damage to many of the empty shops.

3.2 An initial meeting was held with all partners at the beginning of June to establish intelligence gathering. Since the meeting a targeted approach has been used from intelligence gathered.

3.3 Anti-social Behaviour Contracts (ABC) have been served on individuals identified, this is the first stage in formal action in line with recently approved ASB Strategy. The Council's approach is to initially engage with individuals involved in ASB to educate them on the impact of their behaviour if there is no improvement and ASB persists legal action will be taken.

- 3.4 Formal interviews have taken place with parents of the individuals giving advice on the next stage of legal action and the implications of this action.
- 3.5 Since this action has taken place Police have confirmed reports of ASB have reduced.
- 3.6 A further meeting has taken place with the BID, Public Protection, Safe and Strong Communities Team Manager, Police, Youth Intervention Projects, Drop Zone, Education Welfare by working together in a partnership approach an action plan can be formulated.
- 3.7 Youth Intervention and Drop Zone are looking at Projects to engage individuals involved in ASB to encourage them to take ownership of an art project rather than graffiti and activities over the summer months .
- 3.8 Links have been made with Crime and Prevention Officer in West Cumbria looking at Mobile CCTV which has been successfully used in Carlisle for tackling ASB in communities.
- 3.9 Tactical Support Unit (TSU) at Cumbria Police are working with Safe and Strong Communities Team to facilitate this.
- 3.10 Safe and Strong Communities Team are working with partners in the third sector for proactive removal of offensive graffiti as a priority.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 This is an update report.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 This is an update report.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

- 6.1 The partnership approach in line with the recently adopted ASB Strategy and is in line with our Council Plan priorities and growing forward report. One of our key aims is to be a place where residents from all backgrounds feels safe, can aspire and live well.
- 6.2 The Council along with our community safety partners, is committed to tackle and prevent ASB.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1.1 This is an update report.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 This is an update report.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 This is an update report.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 No. This is an update report.

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PART ONE

Barrow Borough Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thursday 7 July, 2022
Work Programme Update

Report from: Democratic Services Manager

Report Author: Jon Huck

Wards: All Wards

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 Work Groups have been established to review the topics identified in the 2022/2023 Work Programme. A summary of the progress made in respect of each topic is detailed below.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Members should consider the reviews undertaken by the Work Groups and determine whether further action is required.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 Flooding on Walney Promenade

Members will be aware that in October 2021, representatives from United Utilities had addressed the Committee and provided an update on the plans being made for the sewer network to prevent flooding on Walney Promenade. They had agreed to provide updates to the Committee as appropriate in the future as works progressed.

At a previous meeting, the Committee had requested the Scrutiny and Democratic Services Team Leader to make contact with United Utilities to establish if they were in a position to provide an update. United Utilities have advised that with the area being a SSSI (Site of Specific Scientific Interest) site, they are not able to start the work until permits have been issued from Natural England and the Marine Maritime Industry. They would be in touch once permits had been received and works had started, in order to attend the next available meeting.

3.2 Discretionary Housing Fund and Supported Housing Payments

At a previous meeting of the Committee the Chair had raised that this review had been taken out of the Committee's hands which they had originally been tasked to do. The Committee had requested that contact be made with the Chair of the Executive Committee to obtain an update on the issue. The review has been paused for the time being whilst further discussions take place regarding the scope of the review.

This review had been initiated by Cllr Ann Thomson, Leader of the Council. Following the meeting, she had been contacted to seek clarity on the scope of the review. However, it has since been agreed by the Executive Committee at their meeting on 9th March, as part of the Annual Review of the Constitution, to recommend the Council to agree that the Leader of the Council should not sit on Overview and Scrutiny Committee. At the meeting on 24th March the Committee agreed that the review should continue and Councillor Morgan be appointed Lead Member on the Work Group.

3.3 Impact of Covid-19 Going Forward

The Work Group had met on 7th February. Information had been noted including:-

- The number of cases in Cumbria throughout January had reduced, with the most significant reduction seen in the second week of January, then a steady decline thereafter;
- The rolling seven day average number of cases in Barrow at the time had been around 500 cases per 100,000 population which was similar to the other Districts in Cumbria. It was envisaged that case numbers would likely remain at that level as the Omicron variant was highly transmissible;
- It was anticipated that by the end of March, isolation rules would be lifted, although it was envisaged that PCR testing would remain in some form to test for new variants;
- The Council's Contact Tracing Team continue to assist the NHS Test and Trace System by contacting 'hard to reach' cases;
- Covid Marshalls had reduced to one session per fortnight on a Saturday morning at the Alfred Barrow Health Centre with around 500 vaccinations each session plus walk-ins.

At the meeting on 24th March the committee noted that with rising case numbers and the virus still very active in the community, the Work Group would continue to meet regularly.

3.5 Crellin Street

At a previous meeting, the Committee had agreed that a Work Group be established to look further into ongoing issues in the Crellin Street vicinity emanating from food takeaway delivery services including parking on double yellow lines, obstructing delivery wagons and other road users, as well as reports of residents feeling intimidated walking past crowds of Uber Eats Drivers.

Following the initial meeting of the Work Group on 8th February, Members of the Work Group had requested for additional representatives to be invited to meet with them including Graham Barker (Head of Public Protection, Barrow Borough Council), as well as a representative from the Police and Cumbria County Council.

At a previous meeting Councillor McEwan provided an update to the Committee stating that Barrow Local Committee had presented the issue to Cumbria County Council's Cabinet the previous week where the Cabinet had agreed to support Barrow Local Committee's request and explore the process and feasibility of adopting the DVLA devolved powers from the Secretary of State for Transport to take enforcement action on untaxed vehicles. In view of that, the Committee agreed that this review should be paused.

3.6 Customer Strategy and Action Plan

At the Committee meeting on 24th March it had been agreed that a review of Customer Strategy and Action Plan be included in the Work Programme for 2022/23.

3.7 Growing Forward Report and Action Plan

At the Committee meeting on 24th March it had been agreed that a review of the Growing Forward Report and Action Plan be included in the Work Programme for 2022/23.

3.8 Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

At the Committee meeting on 24th March it had been agreed that a review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy be included in the Work Programme for 2022/23.

A report on the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy is being presented under a separate item on the today's agenda.

3.9 Equality Strategy and Action Plan

At the Committee meeting on 24th March it had been agreed that a review of Equality Strategy and Action Plan be included in the Work Programme for 2022/23.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 We do not need to undertake a consultation at this stage.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 Additional information is required before we can consider alternative options.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 The Scrutiny Work Programme covers all of the Council's priorities.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1.1 This is an update report and there are no implications at this stage.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 This is an update report and there are no implications at this stage.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 This is an update report and there are no implications at this stage.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis?

No – This is an update report at there are no implications at this stage.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
N/A	N/A	N/A

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Appendices Attached to this Report – *If none, please state none or delete section*

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
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Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
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