

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the additional meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2023 in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor Milton (Chair); Councillors Armstrong, Barton, Boad, Browne, Collins, Day, D Harrison, Hunt, Luckhurst, and Russell.

Also Present: Councillor Billiald – Portfolio Holder for Arts and Economy, Councillor Chilvers – Portfolio Holder for Resources, Councillor Davison – Leader of the Council and Councillor King – Portfolio Holder for Place and Councillor Wightman – Portfolio Holder for Housing.

50. **Apologies and Substitutes**

- (a) An apology for absence was received from Councillor Redford.
- (b) Councillor Boad substituted for Councillor Payne and Councillor Hunt substituted for Councillor Sullivan.

51. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

52. **Cabinet Agenda (Non-Confidential items and reports) – Wednesday 15 November 2023**

The Committee considered the following item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet on Wednesday 15 November 2023.

Item 4 – Future High Streets Fund Update

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

It stressed the importance of pursuing a balanced eco system and offers that complimented each other through the Future High Streets Fund.

53. **Public & Press**

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as set out below:

Minute Number	Paragraph Number	Reason
54	3	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular

person (including the authority holding that information)

54. **Cabinet Agenda (Confidential items and reports) – Wednesday 15 November 2023**

Item 6 – Confidential Appendix to Item 4 – Future High Streets Fund

The Committee discussed the confidential appendix and the minutes of this were recorded in the Committee’s confidential minutes 14 November 2023.

(The meeting resumed in public session.)

55. **Cabinet Agenda (Non-Confidential items and reports) – Wednesday 15 November 2023**

Urgent Item – Asset Compliance Committee & Resources

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and thanked Officers for their hard work.

The Committee recommended to Cabinet that:

1. an appraisal report explaining how the situation the Council now found itself in and how this arose was prepared before the end of the year and should be presented to the Committee at the first opportunity; and
2. a more detailed Action Plan was progressed as soon as possible.

Members expressed some concern about deliverability of the work required and the potential impact on other services. The Committee had requested that a report was provided to it in the New Year to understand how the work would be effectively resourced and how the impact of this would be managed across the Council and its assets.

Item 3 – Participation in the West Midlands Investment Zone

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and thanked Officers for their work on the report and also for ensuring that what was a complex matter was explained in understandable terms.

The Committee recognised the potential benefits to the District as a whole and its residents. The necessity of a no detriment provision on an ongoing basis throughout the lifetime of this arrangement was clearly understood and supported.

(The meeting ended at 7.42pm)

CHAIR
5 December 2023