

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2024

Attendees:

Committee Members:	Councillors Russell (Chairman), Cannon, Cooke, Fort, Harper, Higson, Kehily, Khadka, McKay, M Naghi, Oliver, Rodwell and J Wilkinson
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19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Field and Parfitt-Reid.

20. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The following Substitute Members were noted:

- Councillor Khadka for Councillor Field
- Councillor Fort for Councillor Parfitt-Reid

21. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

22. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

23. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

24. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

25. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That all items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

26. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2024

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

27. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2024

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

28. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

29. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

There were no questions from Local Residents.

30. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRMAN

There were no questions from Members.

31. CABINET FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED: That it be noted the updated Forward Plan would be available from Friday 14 June 2024.

32. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24 & 2024-25

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the item and explained that it contained the remaining items from the 2023-24 work programme as well as the known items for the 2024-25 work programme:

- A SCRAIP for the completed Environment and Waste Crime Enforcement Review, expected to be finished for September after presentation to Cabinet; and
- A Community Safety Plan Review due for October.

It was explained that the reviews on the work programme would be decided in the next item.

RESOLVED: That the Committee Work Programme be noted.

33. WORK PROGRAMMING REPORT, 2024-25

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report, and referenced the workshop held with the Committee as outlined in the report. The appendices to the report were outlined and it was explained that there was a strong steer to adopt the two new proposed scopes, and move away from the items in last year's work programme.

In considering the topics for the 2024/25 work programme, the Committee supported adopting the CIL and Section 106 Review and a Planning Enforcement Review as topical issues that could use some clarity for Members and for the public. The Committee agreed to leave some flexibility and capacity in the work programme in anticipation of the release of the Cabinet Forward Plan.

RESOLVED: That the following items be added to the Committee's Work Programme for 2024/25:

- CIL and Section 106 Review; and
- Planning Enforcement Review.

34. DURATION OF MEETING

7.42 p.m. to 7.55 p.m.