

COMMUNITY & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
11 DECEMBER 2024

Minutes of the Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, 11 December 2024

PRESENT: **Councillor Marion Bateman (Chair)**
Councillors: Pam Banks, Sean Bibby, Gillian Brockley, Tina Claydon, Geoff Collett, Rob Davies, Rosetta Dolphin and Kevin Rush

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors: David Evans and Paul Johnson attended as observers

SUBSTITUTIONS: Councillors: Jason Shallcross (for Ant Turton) and Ryan McKeown (for Ted Palmer)

CONTRIBUTORS: Councillor Helen Brown (Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities); Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) and Service Manager (Housing & Assets);

Housing & Prevention Service Manager (for agenda item 7)
Capital Works Team Manager and Team Leader – Capital Works (for agenda item 9)

IN ATTENDANCE: Democratic Services Officers and Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator

39. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR ([Link to Recording](#))

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of Councillor Marion Bateman as Chair of the Committee for the remaining 2024/25 municipal year be noted.

40. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR ([Link to Recording](#))

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Tina Claydon be appointed Vice-Chair for the remaining 2024/25 municipal year.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

No declarations of interest were made.

42. MINUTES ([Link to Recording](#))

RESOLVED:

That the [minutes \(agenda item number 5\)](#) of the meeting held on 13 November be approved as a correct record.

43. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKING ([Link to Recording](#))

The Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator presented a [report \(agenda item number 6\)](#) to consider the current Forward Work Programme (FWP) and Action Tracking progress.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Forward Work Programme be noted;
- (b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises; and
- (c) That the Committee notes the progress made in completing the outstanding actions.

44. IN-YEAR OVERSPEND ACTION PLAN 2024/25 ([Link to Recording](#))

The Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) presented a [report \(agenda item number 7\)](#) to update the Committee on the in-year action plan, which aimed to address the projected revenue budget monitoring 2024/25 overspend position (month 6) for the Housing and Communities portfolio.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note the measures within the 2024/25 action plan being considered towards improving the financial position by the end of the financial year.

45. GARAGE SITE REVIEW ([Link to Recording](#))

The Service Manager (Housing & Assets) presented a [report \(agenda item number 8\)](#) which focused on the works which had been completed and continued to be delivered through the Council's environmental programme in relation to the garage demolition programme and provision of car parking. The report also detailed the scoring matrix used by officers for prioritising scheme requests.

In response to a question from Councillor Bibby, the Service Manager (Housing & Assets) said that he would ask the New Development Manager to provide an update on proposals for Nant Y Gro Garages in Holywell and provide this information following the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee note the process for scoring and prioritising car parking improvement requests and garage site demolition; and

- (b) That the Committee note the outcome of the development team review of garage sites and plot sites where demolition works have been completed.

46. DE-CARBONISATION STRATEGY UPDATE ([Link to Recording](#))

The Service Manager (Housing & Assets) and Capital Works Team Manager presented a [report \(agenda item number 9\)](#) to provide an update and overview regarding the Councils obligation to create a decarbonisation strategy which complied with the new Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS 2 2023) and the delivery of the new standards.

The recommendation made by the Committee and any comments made would be reported to Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee support the delivery of the next phase of the capital investment programme to ensure compliance with the newly updated Welsh Housing Quality Standards requirements and the proposed Decarbonisation Strategy.

47. VOID MANAGEMENT ([Link to Recording](#))

The Service Manager - Housing & Assets presented the key figures and key activities against the void action plan, as outlined in the [briefing note \(agenda item number 10\)](#).

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

48. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

None.

(The meeting started at 11am and ended at 12.02pm)

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Chair

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