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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee, that was held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday, 20 December 2023**

### **Present:**

#### **Members:**

Councillor A Goggin	Chairman
Councillor D Blackwell	Vice-Chairman
Councillor S Barker	Substitute
Councillor P Gadd	
Councillor P Honeywood	
Councillor M Platt	Substitute - To Item 6
Councillor L Scordis	
Councillor A Sheldon	From Item 5
Councillor C Siddall	
Councillor M Skeels	
Councillor M Vance	

#### **Officers:**

Jason Searles	Head of Waste Policy and Circular Economy
Katy Chambers	Circular Economy Development Manager
Justin Long	Senior Democratic Services Officer (clerk to the meeting)
Emma Tombs	Democratic Services Manager
Freddey Ayres	Democratic Services Officer
Lisa Siggins	Democratic Services Officer

Councillor P Schwier - Cabinet Member for Waste Reduction and Recycling

#### **Joining Remotely:**

Councillor S Crow  
Councillor J Newport

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Cllr A Goggin, the Chairman of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee, welcomed those in attendance.

### **1. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

The report on Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received, and it was noted that:

1. The membership of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee was as shown in the report.
2. Apologies had been received from Cllr J McIvor, Cllr J Fleming (Cllr S Barker substitute) and from Cllr A Wiles (Cllr M Platt substitute).

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**2. Minutes and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 November were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that the outstanding information on LHPs (as referenced in the 'Matters Arising' document) would be circulated as soon as it was received.

**3. Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the public.

**4. Work Programme and Communications Review**

The updated Work Programme was noted.

It was agreed to add an item on Emergency Planning / Flooding to the Work Programme.

**5. Recycling Centre Vehicle Booking System Pilot**

The Cabinet Member introduced the presentation which can be found [here](#).

Members were then invited to ask questions and provide comment. Key points raised during this discussion included:

- Members were generally supportive of the continuation of the pilot scheme.
- The Committee would like officers to explore any options for local flexibility (whilst noting the concerns about deviating from a countywide model) and wanted to see a pragmatic approach on sites e.g., for those that haven't booked in advance.
- Members were keen to retain the telephone booking system and promote the scheme and options for non-internet users.
- Members were keen for officers to look at income-generating opportunities including commercial waste and re-use shops.
- Further information on the consultation responses (numbers not just percentages, any information on queues around bank holidays, etc) would be supplied to the Committee.

It was agreed that the issue would be brought back to the Committee following the Cabinet decision (expected February 2024).

**6. Proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2024-25**

The Committee agreed the following meeting dates for the 2024-25 municipal year and the new start time of 10:00 (to take effect from February 2024):

Thursday 23 May 2024  
Thursday 20 June 2024  
Thursday 18 July 2024  
Thursday 19 September 2024  
Thursday 17 October 2024  
Thursday 21 November 2024  
Wednesday 19 December 2024  
Thursday 23 January 2025  
Thursday 20 February 2025  
Thursday 20 March 2025  
Thursday 17 April 2025

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 18 January 2024 (with details to be confirmed).

**8. Urgent Business**

No items were raised.

**9. Urgent Exempt Business**

No items were raised.

**Chairman**