

Agenda for a meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 5 September 2023 at 5.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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Alternates:

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

The Director of Legal and Governance will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members Code of Conduct – Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

- (1) *Members must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

Type of Interest	You must:
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being</i> <i>(a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward, and</i> <i>(b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public</i>

interest; in which case speak on the item only if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.

- (2) *Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (3) *Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

3. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Su Booth / Louis Kingdom – 07814 073884 / 07890 416570)

4. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Any referrals that have been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda will be reported at the meeting.

5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.

Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Su Booth / Louis Kingdom – 07814 073884 / 07890 416570)

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. HOUSING GROWTH AND DELIVERY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE REPORT 1 - 14

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “H”**) will be submitted to provide Members with an update on the Housing Enabling and Growth agenda, the opening of the Housing Revenue Account and accelerating the delivery of Housing (including Affordable Housing) across the District.

Recommended –

That the report be considered and that Members request a further update on housing growth in 12 months.

(Angela Blake – 01274 432589)

7. EMPTY HOMES UPDATE 15 - 28

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “I”**) will be submitted to provide an update on the Council’s empty homes programme of work.

Recommended –

That the report be noted and Members request a further update on the work of the Empty Homes Team in 2 years.

(David North – 01274 437629)

8. HIGHWAYS SERVICES FUTURE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME (2023-2025) 29 - 38

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “J”**) will be submitted to the Committee to provide information and to advise Members on the Highways Services Procurement plans for the financial years 2023/4 and 2024/5.

Recommended –

That the report be noted.

(Richard Gelder – 01274 437603)

9. BUILDING CONTROL SERVICES MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 39 - 44

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “K”**) will be submitted to the Committee to provide an overview of the measures that Building Control Services have implemented and will implement in

response to a decision made by the Local Government Ombudsman to a complaint received about the outcome of a resident's application process for construction work inspected by Bradford Council's Building Control Service.

Recommended –

That the Committee note the actions in the report, which would allow Building Control Services to inform the LGO that their requirements have been met.

(Chris Eaton – 01274 432483)

10. WORK PROGRAMME

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The report of the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "L"**) will be submitted to present the Committee's Work Programme for 2023/24.

Recommended –

That the Work programme 2023-24 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

(Caroline Coombes – 07970 413828)