

Date of issue: 22 December 2023

MEETING:	CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Councillors: Shaik (Chair), Khawar (Vice Chair), Escott, Hulme, Iftakhar, Mann, Matloob, Mohindra, O'Kelly, Stedmond, Smith and Wright)
DATE AND TIME:	THURSDAY, 4TH JANUARY, 2024 AT 6.30 PM
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STEPHEN BROWN
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

PART I

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

1. Declarations of Interest

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary or other Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Section 9 and Appendix B of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 November 2023

3. Register of Recommendations and Action Tracker

To Follow

This report provides information relating to:

Appendix A: The status of recommendations, to improve policy or practice, made by the committee, and that require the approval of the Cabinet (or relevant portfolio holder); and

Appendix B: Actions arising from meetings usually relating to:

- Requests for further information from officers;
- Administration of the committee and general support to members; or
- Proposals or requests for updates to a particular agenda item either to be circulated for information or to be an item on

the forward plan.

SCRUTINY CHALLENGE ITEMS

4. Update on Progress from the Improvement and Recovery Board To Follow

This report provides an update on progress of work arising from the directions of the Best Value Commissioners. These relate to:

- Avoidance of Poor Governance or Financial Mismanagement & Financial Update;
- Asset Disposal Summary;
- Democratic Governance and Scrutiny Action Plans;
- Internal Audit Action Plan;
- Procurement and Contract Management Action Plan;
- Information Technology Action Plans;
- Culture Change;

- Subsidiary Company Review; and

- Better Data and Insight for Evidence Based Decision Making

5. Human Resources Improvement Programme: Update on Progress and Future Plans To Follow

This report provides an update to the Committee on the progress of improvement work by Slough Council's HR service to ensure it is fit for purpose.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6. Update on task and finish report: Review of Workforce Strategy Business Case for Slough Children First (SCF) To Follow

In February 2023 the Committee made a number of recommendations to Cabinet regarding the Workforce Business Case for Slough Children First.

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These recommendations were the result of an investigation, in the autumn of 2022, by a Task and Finish Group, that reported its findings to the People Scrutiny Panel in January 2023.

This report provides CISC with an update on the implementation of those recommendations.

7. The Forward Work Plan

To Follow

This report sets out the future work of the Committee to May 2023. It was reviewed by members in December and there are proposed changes to the workplan going forwards.

The Forward Plan also now includes all member training events and briefings.

The work programme may be subject to further change should new priorities arise at short notice.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next committee meeting is 30 January at 18:30 in Observatory House.

As well as standing items, members will focus on the draft budget plans for 2024-25.