



**RESOURCES & GOVERNANCE
SCRUTINY & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 10:00AM
CIVIC CENTRE, RIDLEY STREET, REDCAR, YORKSHIRE, TS10 1TD**

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13 September 2022

CIRCULATION

Councillors Massey (Chair), S Jeffrey (Vice Chair), Brady, Brown, Craig, Cutler, Dowson, Head, Hixon, Moody, I Nightingale, Rider, Sandra Smith, Thomson and Watts.

Councillors Lanigan and G Nightingale (Cabinet Members - for information)

All Members of the Council (for information)

Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)

The Press [except for Confidential item(s)]

A G E N D A

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1. Apologies for Absence.	
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Resources Scrutiny & Improvement Committee meeting held on 27 July 22.	2-5
3. Declarations of Interest.	
4. Relevant Cabinet Reports.	
Would Members please refer to their copy of the Cabinet Workbook for the meeting (these papers will follow).	
5. Performance Update.	Presentation
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RESOURCES SCRUTINY AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Resources Scrutiny and Improvement Committee was held on 27 July 2022 at the Civic Centre.

PRESENT Councillor Massey (Chair),
Councillors Brook (substituting for Councillor Brown), Cook (substituting for Councillor Brady), Cutler, Dowson, Head, Hixon, S Jeffrey, I Nightingale, Rider, Thomson and Watts.

OFFICIALS D Boville, R Davisworth, R Mitchell, A Pearson, S Newton, C Styles and P Winstanley.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors Clarke, Hunt, Lanigan and G Nightingale.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brady, Brown, Craig, Sandra Smith and Turner.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Resources Scrutiny and Improvement Committee held on 15 June 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record with the following amendment:

Minute no.2, first bullet point to read, "A Member requested information relevant to the creation of a business plan for the Saltburn Foreshore area."

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Head declared an interest in the Early Termination of Admin Buildings PFI Contract Cabinet report as the Council's representative on the Redcar & Cleveland Citizens Advice Bureau's Management Committee.

10. EARLY TERMINATION OF ADMIN BUILDINGS PFI CONTRACT

The Managing Director presented a report seeking to terminate an Administration Building PFI contract and accept associated financial support from the Government to partly fund this, which would be considered by Cabinet on 2 August 2022.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members agreed to exclude the press and public in order to discuss matters relating to the report which were not in the public domain.

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the report was noted and the press and public were invited back into the meeting: **-NOTED**

11. **SENIOR STRUCTURE & REVISED SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Managing Director presented a report seeking approval for a series of amendments to the Council's senior management structure and a revision of the Scrutiny & Improvement Committee arrangements, which would be considered by Cabinet on 2 August 2022.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- It would be useful for Members to have an indication of the proposed seat numbers and allocations as soon as possible.
- It was unclear at present how the Tees Valley Combined Authority, Teesworks and Freeport would be scrutinised effectively.
- The proposed senior management structure was the most effective way to run a local authority.
- The proposed senior management structure moved the Council away from the flat director model agreed in 2019 by making a clearer distinction between the role of the Managing Director and that of a Corporate/Executive Director. It could therefore be argued that the proposal was creating a new role and therefore a full external recruitment process should be undertaken.
- A recruitment exercise should also be considered for the new Finance Director position.
- Members requested the current and proposed job descriptions for the changes to the senior management structure, specifically relating to the Managing Director and Finance Director roles.
- A Member suggested that proportionality be disappplied to the Climate Change & the Environment Scrutiny and Improvement Committee to allow any interested member to join. Members were advised that this had been the intention behind the creation of the Climate Forum, also outlined within the report.

RESOLVED that the Resources Scrutiny & Improvement Committee recommend to the Cabinet that the name of the proposed Growth & Teesworks (including Freeport) Scrutiny and Improvement Committee be changed to the Growth and TVCA (including Teesworks and Freeport)

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12. **CORPORATE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – QUARTER 1 2022/23
PROGRESS REPORT**

The Managing Director presented an update on the progress of the Council in delivering the actions contained within the Corporate Plan Implementation Plan, which would be considered by Cabinet on 2 August 2022.

Discussions with the Peer Review team on the progress made since the review were scheduled to take place in late October 2022. The results of these discussions would be fed back to Members in due course:-**NOTED**

13. **REDCAR & CLEVELAND CENSUS – FIRST RESULTS**

The Managing Director presented the first data set arising out of the 2021 census, relating primarily to changes in population size:-**NOTED**

14. **MOTION TRACKER**

The Governance Manager presented an update on the Motions that had been passed at the last meeting of the Borough Council:-**NOTED**

15. **ACTION LIST**

The Governance Manager presented an update on the actions arising from the last meeting of the Resources Scrutiny & Improvement Committee.

Members requested that consideration be given to what types of training the Council may consider to be mandatory for Councillors in order to fulfil their roles effectively, and for this to inform the development of the Member Development Programme:-**NOTED**

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ATTENDANCE RECORD - 2022/23

Surname	First name	15.06.22	27.07.22	dd.mm.yy	dd.mm.yy	dd.mm.yy	dd.mm.yy	dd.mm.yy	dd.mm.yy	dd.mm.yy	Total Meetings Attended / total possible
Massey	Chris	✓	✓								
Jeffrey	Sue	✓	✓								
Brown	Alec	Apols	RA1								
Dowson	Deborah	✓	✓								
Head	Malcom	✓	✓								
Nightingale	Irene	✓	✓								
Hixon	Andrew	✓	✓								
Turner	Andrea	X	Apols								
Thomson	Phillip	✓	✓								
Wells	Billy	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Smith	Sandra	✓	Apols1								
Cutler	Graham	Apols 1	✓								
Rider	Vera	✓	✓								
Watts	Anne	✓	✓								
Craig	Julie	✓	Apols2								
Moody	Shaun	n/a	n/a								
Brady	Charlie	n/a	RA								
Substitutes											
Brook	Adam		✓								
Cook	Carrie		✓								

Key	
✓	Attended
RA	Apologies Submitted (replacement attended)
Apols	Apologies Submitted (no replacement)
X	Did Not Attend (no apologies received)
C	Cancelled Meeting
n/a	Not a Member

Reason for Absence (NB Full details may not be provided for reasons of confidentiality)	
1	Personal Commitment
2	Work Commitment
3	Illness/Medical
4	Conflicting Council Commitment
5	Other

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS – MOTIONS/ACTION TRACKER

Date Of Meeting	Motion / action	Lead Officer	Decision	Action Update
14.7.22	<p>RESOLVED that on the successful motion of Councillor Quartermain and duly seconded by Councillor Thomson that:</p> <p>“Redcar & Cleveland Council believes that much more needs to be done to investigate the reasons for the mass death of sea creatures found on our coast in the latter part of 2021 and more recently.</p> <p>Redcar & Cleveland Council also believes much more support should be given to our local fishing industry which has been adversely affected by the consequent radical reduction in fishing stock.</p> <p>Since October last year dead crustaceans have been found on our beaches along with, the possibly associated, deaths of seal pups and porpoises.</p> <p>The report of the Government Joint agency investigation into Teesside and Yorkshire Coast Crab and Lobster mortalities was published in May 2022 and concluded that as healthy crabs and lobsters were now being found the investigation was closed.</p> <p>Redcar & Cleveland Council believes:</p>	PR/SN	The motion was agreed	Letter to the Secretary of State attached at appendix 1. A request has been sent to the other Tees Valley Local Authorities to confirm their intentions. Hartlepool have confirmed they do not wish to participate. Other replies are awaited.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The decision to close the investigation was premature and demands that the Government re-open it as a matter of urgency to consider why the crustacean deaths 2. The Tees Valley local authorities should work together in expressing concern to central government and commission a new independent report in the light of the inconclusive evidence. In addition, the ongoing situation should be monitored by a special Scrutiny Committee from each local authority. 3. That the Government proposal to give support to the local fishing industry via the existing Seafood Fund is inadequate and calls on them to provide proper compensation for the lost income and livelihoods caused by this crisis.” 4. That the possibility of creating a coastal hatchery to replenish crustacean stocks should be investigated. 			
<p>08.9.22</p>	<p>RESOLVED that on the successful motion of Councillor Thomson and duly seconded by Councillor Griffiths that:</p> <p>“This Council seeks to regulate the residency overnight in nominated streets and areas within the Borough by limiting the stay of specific vehicles.</p>	<p>PR</p>	<p>The motion was agreed</p>	<p>Awaiting confirmation of action from the service area.</p>

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	<p>In general terms, these vehicles in the main are technically known as Motor Caravans, although are better known colloquially as motor homes.</p> <p>Many residents have expressed concern about the volume of such vehicles being parked overnight in certain areas, particularly residential areas and more particularly in Saltburn, along Marine Parade and Glenside.</p> <p>This concentration of Motor Caravans has radically altered the ambience of areas in the Borough and has impacted on the use of the highway, in some cases detracting from the amenities of areas and resulting in many instances of abuse of the local environment.</p> <p>Through this motion it is requested that the Council consider enacting No Overnight Parking restrictions in nominated and agreed areas of the Borough.</p> <p>This is to be enacted through Road Traffic Regulation Orders or other relevant powers as appropriate to mitigate against the highway impact and other adverse effects.</p> <p>It is understood that the Department of Transport has issued to at least one local authority, through special directive, appropriate traffic signage which will facilitate the prohibition of waiting of motor caravans during specific hours.</p> <p>By introducing a Prohibition of Overnight Parking between</p>			
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	<p>nominated hours in agreed areas it is expected that the concerns expressed by residents about the impact of overnight parking of these vehicles can be addressed.</p> <p>It is expected that all elected members will be consulted to seek their views and to identify agreed areas that would be subject to such Prohibition.</p> <p>It is understood that full public consultation will subsequently be required to be undertaken to assess the views of all interested parties in the Borough.</p> <p>Whilst intending to reduce the limit to where and when Motor Caravans can park, it is also expected that full support will be given to encourage Motor Caravan users to visit the Borough and utilise the nominated areas which are being provided for their enjoyment.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed that subject to the outcome of any consultation as outlined above and any necessary approval being received from the Department of Transport or other appropriate body, this Council shall proceed to introduce appropriate Prohibition of Overnight Parking restrictions in relevant locations identified through the consultation process, and to do so at the earliest opportunity but, at the latest by the 1st of April 2024.”</p>			
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To: Ranil Jayawardena, Secretary of State for
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Our Ref:

12th September 2022

Dear Sir,

Mass Crustacean Mortality Event

I am writing to express this Council's deep dissatisfaction regarding the conclusion of the investigation into the dead crustaceans that washed up onto our beaches last year.

In early October 2021, significant numbers of dead crabs and lobsters started being washed up on the beaches of Teesside, the mass mortality event continued until December 2021 with dead crustaceans found from County Durham down to North Yorkshire. The deaths had a significant impact on our local population, especially our coastal communities, many of which rely heavily on tourism and the fishing industry. The support so far from Defra to mitigate the impact on the livelihoods of those affected has been wholly inadequate.

The Environment Agency led on the emergency response, with Defra taking responsibility for leading the investigation into the cause of the event, which ended in March 2022. The investigation was unable to determine the cause of the event and concluded that no single, consistent, causative factor could be identified. The report hypothesised that a potentially harmful algal bloom present in the area leading up to the start of the mass mortality event may have been of significance. It is very concerning and unacceptable that, despite the significance of the event on the marine life in the area and the impact on our coastal communities, the investigation was concluded before any cause was identified.

The Borough Council at its meeting on the 14 July 2022, passed a motion agreeing the following:

1. The decision to close the investigation was premature and demands that the Government re-open it as a matter of urgency to consider why the crustacean deaths.
2. That the Government proposal to give support to the local fishing industry via the existing Seafood Fund is inadequate and calls on them to provide proper compensation for the lost income and livelihoods caused by this crisis.

I would be grateful if you would consider these two requests and provide a response as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Scrutiny & Improvement Committee – Action list

Actions from 15.06.22 meeting		
Action	Officer	Update
Members requested details of the services currently being delivered from Belmont House.	PW	<p>The following information was circulated to Members on 24 August.</p> <p>Adults & Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Disabilities • Mental Health • DOLS • Social Care Payments and Income • Adults Commissioning • Adaptations (Handyman Team) • Housing Standards • Environmental Health • Trading Standards • Port Health • Culture & Tourism <p>Education & Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Welfare Services • Inclusion Services & Specialist Teachers • Psychological Services • Virtual Schools • SEND • Education Advisors

		<p>Resources & Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT • Recovery & Support team • Finance – Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable <p>Whilst Belmont House is the allocated base for the services listed, hybrid working arrangements has meant actual occupation of the building has been below a third of capacity. Overall this equates to occupation of Belmont House averaging at around 60-80 (capacity is 300-350).</p> <p>Team locations once Belmont is closed are yet to be decided. The planning and design of staff accommodation will be undertaken during the PFI contract notice period, in consultation with affected services and staff, to ensure new arrangements are in place to allow a smooth transition and maintain service delivery</p>
<p>RESOLVED that the Resources Scrutiny & Improvement Committee recommend to the Cabinet that the name of the proposed Growth & Teesworks (including Freeport) Scrutiny and Improvement Committee be changed to the Growth and TVCA (including Teesworks and Freeport) Scrutiny and Improvement Committee.</p>	<p>JS</p>	<p>The recommendation was presented to the Cabinet and the Cabinet agreed to amend the title of the committee to the Growth Scrutiny & Improvement Committee, with Teesworks, Freeport and the Tees Valley Combined Authority being referenced in the committee remit. This was agreed by Borough Council on 8 September 2022.</p>