



**RESOURCES**  
**SCRUTINY & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2022 AT 10:00AM**  
**CIVIC CENTRE, RIDLEY STREET, REDCAR, YORKSHIRE, TS10 1TD**

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18 July 2022

**CIRCULATION**

Councillors Massey (Chair), S Jeffrey (Vice Chair), Brady, Brown, Craig, Cutler, Dowson, Head, Hixon, I Nightingale, Rider, Sandra Smith, Thomson, Turner 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)]

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**A G E N D A**

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	<u>Pages</u>
1. Apologies for Absence.	
2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022.	2-6
3. Declarations of Interest.	
4. Relevant Cabinet Reports.	
<b>Would Members please refer to their copy of the Cabinet Workbook for the meeting (these papers will follow).</b>	
5. Redcar & Cleveland Census – First Results.	
<a href="#"><u>How the population changed in Redcar and Cleveland, Census 2021 - ONS</u></a>	
6. Motion Tracker.	7-8
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8. Any items the Chair certifies as urgent.	

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## RESOURCES SCRUTINY AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Resources Scrutiny and Improvement Committee was held on 15 June 2022 at the Civic Centre.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Massey (Chair),  
Councillors Craig, Dowson, Head, Hixon, S  
Jeffrey, I Nightingale, Rider, Sandra Smith,  
Thomson, Watts and Wells.

**OFFICIALS**

D Boville, R Davisworth, M Lyth, R Mitchell,  
A Pearson, S Newton, J Sampson, C Styles and  
P Winstanley.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Lanigan.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown, Cutler and G Nightingale.

**1. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Resources Scrutiny and Improvement Committee held on 4 May 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**2. CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE**

The Managing Director presented a report seeking endorsement of the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan, which would be considered by Cabinet on 21 June 2022.

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

- A Member requested information relevant to the creation of a business plan for the Saltburn Foreshore building.
- It was important for Members to be aware of key officers to contact in certain situations, but Members should also be aware that new Members Case Management system was also available and seemed to work quite well.
- Members noted that the actions would be regularly monitored through regular corporate plan performance updates but requested an update specifically on the Corporate Peer Challenge actions by the end of the municipal year.
- It was disappointing that the new Elected Member Education,

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Development & Leadership Programme would not be in place prior to the next set of local elections in 2023.

- A Member requested details of attendance for mandatory Councillor training sessions.
- It was envisioned that a report on the Council's Senior Management Structure would be considered at the 2 August Cabinet meeting.
- The Finance Department were in the process of planning additional savings scenarios to accommodate the uncertainty surrounding funding for Local Government.
- Members needed to be involved early on in the budget setting process to help identify and determine in which areas savings could be made:-**NOTED**

3. **FINANCIAL OUTTURN POSITION: 2021/22**

The Managing Director presented a report setting out the council's financial position as at the end of the 2021/22 financial year, which would be considered by Cabinet on 21 June 2022.

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

- Members would continue to be updated on the Council's finances through the quarterly financial position reports to Cabinet.
- The level of Council Tax support was reviewed regularly, including both staffing and funding available.
- The Council was facing another significant financial impact as a result in a delay in considering a business rate appeal. This was an issue facing a number of local authorities and the Government needed to come up with a solution that worked for both businesses and Councils.
- It was disappointing that additional funding had been allocated to fund an increase in capital construction costs as a result of commodity shortages and rising labour costs. These projects should instead have been value engineered to keep them on budget.
- The Council had a number of pressures which could be resolved through a change in Government policy.
- The Council's financial reserve position was currently more resilient than it had been.

**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

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Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

4. **OUTSIDE BODIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS 2022/23**

The Managing Director presented a report seeking to appoint Executive Members to Outside Bodies, which would be considered by Cabinet on 21 June 2022.

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

- Members raised concern at the lack of information being provided from the Tees Valley Combined authority and the South Tees Development Corporation. It appeared as though the Tees Valley Combined Authority Scrutiny and Audit Committees had not met for some time.
- It was important for there to be an appropriate format to Members to report on the work of Outside Bodies.
- Support officers should be able to assist members who were new to outside bodies:-**NOTED**

5. **QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Managing Director presented an update on the performance of elements of the Resources & Growth Directorate as at the end of Quarter 4 2021/22.

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

- Appraisal rates were reported weekly to Departmental Management Team meetings.
- The Council was working to increase the successful recruitment and retention of staff.
- Attempts were being made to recruit additional staff to deal with the service pressures within Registrars as a result of an increased demand for wedding ceremonies following the pandemic.
- The Council used a variety of methods, including virtual and in print, to communicate with residents:-**NOTED**

6. **MOTION TRACKER**

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

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7. **ACTION LIST**

The Governance Manager presented an update on the actions arising from the last meeting of the Resources Scrutiny & Improvement Committee:-**NOTED**

## Resources Scrutiny Committee

### ATTENDANCE RECORD - 2022/23

Surname	First name	15.06.22	dd.mm.y y	dd.mm.y y	dd.mm.y y	dd.mm.y y	dd.mm.y y	dd.mm.y y	dd.mm.y y	dd.mm.y y	Total Meetings Attended / total possible
Massey	Chris	✓									
Jeffrey	Sue	✓									
Brown	Alec	Apols									
Dowson	Deborah	✓									
Head	Malcom	✓									
Nightingale	Irene	✓									
Hixon	Andrew	✓									
Turner	Andrea	X									
Thomson	Phillip	✓									
Wells	Billy	✓									
Smith	Sandra	✓									
Cutler	Graham	Apols 1									
Rider	Vera	✓									
Watts	Anne	✓									
Craig	Julie	✓									
<b>Substitutes</b>											

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

Date Of Meeting	Motion / action	Lead Officer	Decision	Action Update
14.7.22	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that on the successful motion of Councillor Quartermain and duly seconded by Councillor Thomson that:</p> <p>“Redcar &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Cleveland Council believes:</p>	PR/SN	The motion was agreed	Awaiting update from the service area.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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</li><li>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.</li><li>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.”</li><li>4. That the possibility of creating a coastal hatchery to replenish crustacean stocks should be investigated.</li></ol>			
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## Scrutiny & Improvement Committee – Action list

Actions from 15.06.22 meeting		
Action	Officer	Update
A Member requested details of attendance for mandatory Councillor training sessions.	AP	<p>With the exception of Members wishing to sit on the Regulatory Committee, there is no training for Councillors where the Council has formally decided that this is mandatory.</p> <p>Attendance at training is recorded in different places depending on the nature of the training that is delivered, e.g. e-learning, formal events, 1-1, external events and informal sessions. Democratic Services will aim to bring this information together and develop a central record for Member participation in training and development opportunities.</p> <p>The Members currently trained to sit on the Regulatory Committee as at the end of June 2022 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayre</li> <li>• Baldwin</li> <li>• Barnes</li> <li>• Berry</li> <li>• Brook</li> <li>• Brown</li> <li>• Cook</li> <li>• Craig</li> <li>• Foggo</li> <li>• Foley-McCormack</li> <li>• Gallacher</li> <li>• Gray</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Head</li><li>• Hixon</li><li>• S Jeffrey</li><li>• Lockwood</li><li>• Massey</li><li>• Morgan</li><li>• Ovens</li><li>• C Quartermain</li><li>• L Quartermain</li><li>• Stuart Smith</li><li>• Thomson</li><li>• Watts</li><li>• Wells</li></ul>
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