

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 27 September 2021

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Chair: Cllr Lorna Dupré

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies received from Cllr S. Nawaz substituted by Cllr D. Jones
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
4.	<b>Public Questions</b>	There were no public questions received.
5.	<b>Transport Update</b>	This item was deferred to the October meeting of the Committee.
6.	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme</b>	<p>The scoping document presented to the Committee was agreed, in principle, noting it is an iterative document.</p> <p>The Committee <b>agreed</b> a review of the Combined Authority accommodation strategy be undertaken in response to an invite from the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>The Committee <b>agreed</b>, following the deferral of the Transport Update, that any further questions be forwarded to Cllr's Baigent, Davey and Hay for collation prior to the October meeting.</p> <p>Future potential items to add to the work programme were <b>agreed</b> as:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Skills including the University of Peterborough, apprenticeships and iMET</li> <li>• Finance items including underspend on skills training resulting from Covid-19 and other activities not delivered</li> <li>• The annual budget</li> </ul>
7.	<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee Arrangements - Update</b>	<p>The Committee noted the Action Log; and agreed the Scrutiny Protocol and Rapporteur role description unanimously with a single abstention in all cases. The Mayor's Question Time format proposal was agreed by a majority. Members raised the following points on the Mayor's Question Time format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will need to be technical solutions in place for the public</li> <li>• The venue for the MQT involving the public will need to have a sufficient capacity</li> <li>• The proposal needs to clarify that it is one supplementary question per question <u>not</u> per meeting</li> <li>• The format should be reviewed at the end of the municipal year</li> </ul> <p>Members raised the following points on the Scrutiny Protocol:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The protocol should be amended to state scrutiny should be non-partisan <u>not</u> non-political</li> </ul> <p>Members raised the following points on the Rapporteur role description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance topics are generally cross-cutting and are ideal for the Rapporteur role</li> <li>• There will need to be an element of officer support for the role</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Combined Authority Board Agenda</b>	There were no questions from the Committee to the Combined Authority Board.
9.	<b>Combined Authority Forward Plan</b>	The Forward Plan was noted, and Members will report back to the Committee on a variety of issues.
10.	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting would be held on the 25 October 2021 at Fenland Hall, March.