

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS) held in LANCASTER & STIRLING, CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 4 June 2026.

PRESENT: Councillor T Alban – Chair.

Councillors A Bulat, S Bywater, S Claffey, J Francis, C Innes, S Lancaster, C Lowe, S Mokbul, N Sarkies and M Young.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor M J Burke.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 5th March 2026 and the meeting of 21st May 2026 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

5. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

6. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - REMIT, ROLE AND STUDIES

By means of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book), the Overview and Scrutiny – Remit, Role and Studies Report was presented to the Panel. The content of the report was noted and it was

RESOLVED

that the Overview and Scrutiny remits, roles and processes outlined be noted;

that the composition of Working Groups to undertake additional studies be considered;

that the formation of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme, as well as the formation and commencement of work streams, be delegated to the Democratic Services Officer after consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs; and

that the draft Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs as well as the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors for input and comment.

7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (a copy of

which is appended in the Minute Book) the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was presented to the Panel.

Following discussion it was noted that work under the Disabled Facilities Grants Group had been completed and that this group would now be concluded.

Following the recent District Council Election, the composition of the Climate Working Group was discussed and following volunteers from the Panel, the new composition was decided to be; Councillors T Alban, A Bulat, S Claffey, C Lowe, S Mokbul and S Lancaster.

Councillor Bulat expressed interest in seeing topics including Community Energy schemes, Waste Services; in particular recycling rates and fly tipping enforcement and Local Employment Skills be added to the Work Programme and was advised that these would be added to the suggested Work Programme topics for further determination following the meeting.

8. CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Councillor A Bulat as the non-voting co-opted member and Councillor S Claffey as the substitute member to the Cambridgeshire County Council Health Committee.

Chair