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## Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 13th June, 2022

6.00 pm

Meeting Room A

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### AGENDA

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

To welcome those present to the meeting and to receive any apologies for absence.

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022.**

To approve as a correct record and to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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**3. Declarations of interest**

To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FORM**

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**4. Portfolio Responsibilities**

To update members on the revised portfolio responsibilities and the relationship with the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**revised portfolio responsibilities 2022**

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**5. Growth and Development Portfolio**

To receive an update on the issues, pressures and priorities facing the Growth and Development Portfolio.

**6. Environment and Operations Portfolio**

To receive an update on the issues, pressures and priorities facing the Environment and Operations Portfolio.

Date Published: Date 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.  
Denise Park, Chief Executive

## PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022.**

**PRESENT**-Councillor Khonat, in the chair, Councillors Humphrys, Khan, Z., Oates, McFall, Sidat, Taylor and Casey.

**Also present**- Martin Eden, Director of Place.

Paul Conlon, Democratic Services.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies.**

The chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**Resolved**- That the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

### **3. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

### **4. Trees in the Borough.**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Place outlining the issues the borough faced relating to trees. The Committee were looking at the issue as a scrutiny topic for a number of reasons including ash die back, the recent storms, planting initiatives and public concerns. The Council is responsible for the care, development and maintenance of tens of thousands of trees owned by the Council, which are located in Council parks, open spaces and on the highway. As a Council we are committed to maintaining the health and longevity of all Council trees through appropriate management including:

- Appropriate works will be undertaken on dead or unhealthy trees.
- Tree works is undertaken by fully qualified arborists, in line with management surveys and plans.

The Council did not generally undertake works to otherwise healthy and well-formed trees for reasons of:

- Size
- Leaf, seed, twig or flower litter
- Shade or blocked views
- Interference with transmitted signals, e.g. television, satellite channel access
- Honeydew exudation

- Reduced security by virtue of concealment
- Alleged root damage to property.

The Committee noted that the Council does not have a responsibility for tree on private land or un-adopted land.

The Committee examined the issue of Ash dieback and the effects that this would have on trees in the borough and across the country. Ash trees were the third most common tree in Britain, they were present in woodlands, hedgerows and parks and gardens across the country and have a cultural significance in our urban and rural landscapes. They are also a valuable habitats for over 1,000 species of wildlife. It is estimated that there are more than 60 million ash trees outside woodlands in the UK and that the majority will become affected with ash dieback in years to come. Members were informed of the main issues for the council arising from die back and the work that was to be done on an ash die back plan which required the council to identify the number and condition of ash trees on Council owned land and or near the highway. Members were informed that public safety was the priority for assessing what action to be taken.

The Committee looked at the process for reporting issues with trees and residents responsibilities and the management issues with council owned trees. The Committee were also informed of the recent decision at the Finance Council to increase resources to deal with tree related issues.

Members looked at the targets for tree planting in the borough to help mitigate climate change and how the planting of trees was progressing. The Committee supported the work of to involve community groups and schools in this. Members requested that the planting of value added trees such as fruit trees be investigated which could enhance community areas. The Committee also suggested that schools involvement be sought in helping compile the tree audit as this could be a learning activity.

#### **Resolved-**

1. That the work of the Department on Trees and the issues they raise be commended.
2. That the Director of Place investigate ways in which the schools in the borough could help in creating the inventory of trees required as part of their curriculum.
3. That the planting of extra value trees such as fruit and nut trees be looked at together with the possibilities of involving community groups.

#### **5. Waste and Recycling**

The Committee were updated on the progress of the waste and recycling collection. 98 tonnes more recycling had been achieved in the year to December and this represented real progress. Blue bin collection of waste card and paper had also increased with very little spoiled content which generated greater income to the council. Grey Bin collection content had also improved with contamination down from 36% to 24%, a significant improvement. Members were informed of the proposal to engage an additional education officer in order to boost collection further.

**Resolved-** 1. That the report be noted

2. That the Committee continue to monitor the collection and recycling rates in the new municipal year.

**6. Cemeteries and Burials**

The Committee were updated on the progress in identifying and establishing new cemeteries in the borough. Tests were ongoing at two sites and the outcome would be reported to the Committee

**Resolved-** That the issue continue to be monitored during the next municipal year.

Chair at the meeting where the minutes were signed.....

Date.....

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

**Members attending a Council, Committee, Board or other meeting with a personal interest in a matter on the Agenda must disclose the existence and nature of the interest and, if it is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or an Other Interest under paragraph 16.1 of the Code of Conduct, should leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the item.**

**Members declaring an interest(s) should complete this form and hand it to the Democratic Services Officer at the commencement of the meeting and declare such an interest at the appropriate point on the agenda.**

MEETING:

DATE:

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

DESCRIPTION (BRIEF):

NATURE OF INTEREST:

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY/OTHER (delete as appropriate)

SIGNED :

PRINT NAME:

(Paragraphs 8 to 17 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Council refer)

## The Executive: Summary of Portfolio Responsibilities – PROPOSAL FOR 2022

LEADER	ADULTS SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH	CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & EDUCATION	PUBLIC HEALTH, PREVENTION & WELLBEING	ENVIRONMENT & OPERATIONS	GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT	FINANCE & GOVERNANCE	DIGITAL & CUSTOMER SERVICES
Corporate plan	Adult social care assessment & provision	Every Child Matters	Public Health	Waste management, collection, disposal	Growth programme – employment, housing including working with registered social landlords or other providers	Budget & Medium Term Financial Plan	Digital services & transformation
Overall policy, research, strategy & performance	Strategic commissioning	Children's Social Care	Prevention	Recycling & HWRC's	Empty Housing	Capital strategy	Digital inclusion strategy
Corporate communication & place promotion	Care quality assurance & performance management	Safeguarding Children	Health promotion & positive lifestyles	Street Cleansing	Economic strategy, development & external investment	Budget monitoring & financial management	Website & intranet
Democratic Services	Care market sustainability	Health relationships - children & families	Vaccination & Immunisation	Enviro-crime	Inward investment & assistance to business	Statutory final accounts	Information & communications technology
Member support & development	Safeguarding Adults & LSAB	Inter-agency co-operation	Health inequalities	Parks & grounds maintenance	Employment & skills	Capital receipts strategy and delivery programme	Information governance & data protection
The Mayoralty, Civic & ceremonial	Carers services	Advice and guidance -vulnerable young people	Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA), joint planning with health & other agencies	Your Call	Local Plan	Financial services to schools	Data strategy & business intelligence
National and regional relationships	Sensory impairment	CAMHS	HealthWatch	Cemeteries & crematorium	Planning & development management	Corporate governance	Customer Services & standards
Lancashire Leaders	Independent living and supported housing	Youth offending & exploitation	Health & Wellbeing Board	Licensing	Building Control	Audit, internal & external	Registration Services
Pennine Lancashire Leaders	Disabled facilities grants for Adults	Children in our care & care leavers	Health & Wellbeing Strategy	Trading standards	Land Charges	Insurance	Coroner
LEP (Lancashire Enterprise Partnership)	Integrated health & care services, Lancashire & South Cumbria	Children with complex needs	Sports & Leisure centres	Environmental health, animal welfare & food safety	Local Transport Plan	Risk management	Corporate Complaints / Ombudsman
Marketing Lancashire Festivals & Events	Place based Health & Care Partnership & integration	Fostering & Adoption	Together an Active Future programme	Housing Standards	Highways, transport & drainage	VAT & Treasury management	School Admission Appeals
		Early Years & Children's Centres	Wellbeing services	Private sector landlord licensing	Public passenger transport Growth Lancashire	Procurement	Health & safety
		Services to schools & pupil place planning	Drugs & Alcohol	Caravan dwellers & transient communities		Revenues & Benefits	
		School improvement	Healthy child programme & school nursing				

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<p>Strategic Growth Programmes &amp; Investment</p> <p>Strategic place-making and levelling up priorities</p> <p>Business &amp; Investor Engagement</p> <p>Strategic transport, including Transport for the North &amp; Lancashire</p> <p>Strategic housing initiatives</p> <p>Zero Carbon Strategy</p> <p>Joint arrangements, e.g. Fire, Police</p> <p>Police &amp; Crime Commissioner relationship</p>	<p>Relationships with health providers, primary and community care</p> <p>Demand management strategies</p> <p>Integrated neighbourhood teams</p> <p>Lifelong learning &amp; adult workforce development</p>	<p>Relationships with nurseries, schools &amp; academies</p> <p>Special educational needs, education psychology</p> <p>Education welfare</p> <p>School Admissions &amp; Exclusions</p> <p>Governor support</p> <p>Extended schools curriculum</p> <p>Post-16 service</p> <p>Young People's Services</p> <p>Relationship with Youth Zone &amp; organisations for young people</p>	<p>Sexual Health</p> <p>Volunteering, community engagement &amp; capacity building</p> <p>Community &amp; voluntary groups &amp; organisations</p> <p>Cohesion &amp; Equality</p> <p>Covid response &amp; preparedness</p> <p>Community safety and Prevent</p> <p>Crime &amp; disorder, CCTV</p> <p>Housing needs &amp; homelessness</p> <p>Asylum seekers &amp; refugees</p>	<p>Corporate buildings &amp; maintenance</p> <p>Commercial services, including markets, business centres &amp; parking services</p>	<p>Town centres, visitors &amp; marketing strategy</p> <p>King George's Hall &amp; Darwen Library Theatre</p> <p>Libraries, Arts, Museums &amp; Cultural Services</p> <p>Carbon management &amp; sustainability programme</p> <p>Asset management &amp; valuations</p> <p>Commercial investment estate, tenanted property, including the Mall</p> <p>Strategic investment joint ventures</p>	<p>Council Tax &amp; Business Rates policy and collection</p> <p>Local Council Tax Support policy</p> <p>Advice services</p> <p>Legal services</p> <p>HR, Payroll and pensions</p> <p>HR services to schools</p> <p>Organisational &amp; workforce development</p> <p>Trade Union relations</p>	<p>Civil contingencies</p> <p>Emergency planning</p> <p>Business continuity</p>
Lead Officer:							
Chief Executive	Strategic Director, Adults & Health	Strategic Director, Children & Education	Director of Public Health	Strategic Director, Environment & Operations	Strategic Director, Growth & Development	Director of Finance	Strategic Director, Resources