

Appendix 2

Scrutiny Management Board Briefing from Chair of Communities and Place Scrutiny Advisory Board

1.0 Purpose of update

- 1.1 This report updates Scrutiny Management Board (SMB) on the activity of the Communities and Place Scrutiny Advisory Board and any issues and developments that have occurred since the last meeting of SMB.

2.0 Board meeting update

- 2.1 The Communities and Place Scrutiny Advisory Board last met on the 10 June 2022.
- 2.2 **Fire Service Performance:** The Board received a report from the Assistant Chief Fire Officer and Resilience examining the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum Debriefing and the lessons learnt. Members were satisfied that debriefing and lessons learnt processes were robust which enabled learning to be taken forward effectively. Members raised specifically the challenges faced by communities when isolated due to an incident along with the upcoming impact the telephony changes may have i.e. 'analogue switch off'. Officers assured Members this was being planned for.
- 2.3 **Highway Information Asset Management System:** Following a referral from Performance Working Group, the Board requested an item to look at the implementation of the HIAM System. Members asked officers what mapping was used to identify locations. They were assured that a combination of technologies, such as what three words, would lead to effective implementation. Officers also committed, at the request of Members, to ensure elected Members know how to have the system on mobile devices, enabling them to support communities effectively.
- 2.4 **Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy:** The Board received a report on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and were reassured on the approach. Officers agreed to follow up regarding some of the maps in use as errors had been identified.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Advisory Board has scrutinised key areas of focus for the Board.

- 3.2 The next Communities and Place Scrutiny Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to take place on 15 September 2022. The agenda includes Nature Recovery and the role of the Council, and Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service governance update.

Chair: Cllr Stan Collins
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