

Executive Advisory Panel, Future Communities

Thursday 2 February 2023

Held Virtually

Present:-

Shadow Members

Councillor Scott Edwards (Chairman)
Councillor Wendy Brackenbury
Councillor Dorothy Maxwell

Councillor Jean Addison
Councillor Philip Irwin

Officers

Jenny Daniels	Democracy Officer (Democratic Services) (minutes)
Anne-Marie Dodds	Assistant Director for Education
Neil Goddard	Assistant Director for Education
Ben Smith	Democratic and Electoral Services Manager
Susan Tanner	Assistant Director, Commissioning & Partnerships

The Chair welcomed members and the viewing public to the meeting.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lee Wilkes.

2 Terms of Reference

The Democratic and Electoral Services Manager presented this report (copies of which had been circulated) stating this had been a dual process setting up new panels and membership of those panels with ensuring better alignment to the Council's Corporate Plan and the corporate priorities within it. Whilst a number of the new EAPs had differing policy areas to consider, this Advisory Panel was fairly close that of its predecessor, the EAP for Education, Skills and Employment.

One main change for all EAPs moving forward, was the intention for pre-executive scrutiny to now be undertaken by scrutiny committees, following the current review taking place in that area of governance.

RESOLVED that: the terms of reference be noted.

3 Scope

The Democratic and Electoral Services Manager presented this item (copies of which had been previously circulated) stating the suggested areas of scope were very similar if not the same to the previous panel.

The previous incarnation of the panel had focused mostly on education, special educational needs, provision for disabled children and young offenders, but in its new guise, it would wish to increase its focus on employment and skills as well.

RESOLVED that: the scope of the Panel be noted.

4 To consider policy development items for future consideration

The Advisory Panel discussed future items for policy development noting the following should be added to the forward list of items for consideration:

- SEND Strategy
- Co-Production Charter
- Children Missing Education/Elective Home Education
- Analysis of LEA School Examination Results
- Excluded Children
- Educational Health Plans
- Speech and Language Provision

RESOLVED that: the items now be discussed be added to the EAP forward list of items for future consideration.

5 Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5.30pm.

The meeting closed at 17.25