



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held within the Council
Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, ALLOA, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 15
FEBRUARY 2018 at 9.30 am.**

PRESENT

Councillor Dave Clark, Committee Chair (In the Chair)
Councillor Bill Mason (Vice Chair)
Councillor Chris Dixon
Councillor Kenneth Earle (S)
Councillor Phil Fairlie
Councillor Darren Lee

Pastor David Fraser, Religious Representative (Appointed Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Stephen Coulter, Head of Resources and Governance
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services
Celia Gray, Head of Social Services
Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety
Ian Doctor, Regulatory Services Manager
Linda Melville, Service Manager, Adult Care Service
Lindsay Thomson, Service Manager, Legal and Democracy (Clerk to the Committee)
Cathy Quinn, Improving Outcomes Manager, Education Service (Item 06)
Margaret Summers, Committee Services

Tony Beveridge, Temporary Chief Superintendent, Forth Valley Division, Police Scotland
Chief Inspector Drew Sinclair, Local Area Commander, Police Scotland
Roddie Keith, Area Manager & LSO for Clackmannanshire & Stirling, SFRS
Mark Duffy, Prevention & Protection Group Manager, Clackmannanshire & Stirling, SFRS
Steve Harkins, Response & Resilience Group Manager, Clackmannanshire & Stirling, SFRS

SC(17)37 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ellen Forson and Councillor Derek Stewart. Councillor Kenneth Earle attended as substitute for Councillor Stewart.

SC(17)38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

SC(17)39 MINUTES OF MEETING: SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 21 DECEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 21 December 2017 were submitted for approval.

Moved by Councillor Bill Mason. Seconded by Councillor Chris Dixon.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 21 December 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the Committee.

SC(18)40 POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR CLACKMANNANSHIRE APRIL 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

A report which provided the Scrutiny Committee with information on the performance of Police Scotland in the Clackmannanshire local authority area for the period April 2017 to September 2017 was submitted by the Local Area Commander.

The format of the report followed the same as the previous quarters and aligned with the headings of the Clackmannanshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2020.

The Committee heard from Tony Beveridge, Temporary Chief Superintendent, and Chief Inspector Drew Sinclair, Local Area Commander, and had opportunity to put questions to both.

Motion

That Committee notes the information set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Bill Mason. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report and having had opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

SC(18)41 FIRE PERFORMANCE REPORT – HALF ONE 2017/18

A report which provided the Scrutiny Committee with a six months performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) in Clackmannanshire covering the period 1 April to 30 September 2017 was submitted by the Local Senior Officer for Clackmannanshire and Stirling. The report was based on performance against objectives and targets set out in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Clackmannanshire 2014/17.

The report also provided the Committee with an overview of the Ward prevention plans being developed by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS).

The Committee heard from Roddie Keith, Local Senior Officer, Clackmannanshire and Stirling, and had opportunity to put questions to him.

Motion

That Committee notes the information set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor Bill Mason.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report and having had opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

The representatives from Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings (10.30 am).

SC(18)42 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BENCHMARKING FRAMEWORK

A report was submitted by the Head of Strategy and Customer Services which presented the Scrutiny Committee with performance information from the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF), focusing on Clackmannanshire Council's performance in the 2016/17 financial year in relation to other Scottish local authorities.

Detailed and summarised information of Clackmannanshire Council's performance and comments on indicators ranked in the bottom quartile (bottom 8 Councils) were set out in Appendix A of the report. The report indicated that all of the data was currently draft and that indicators and values may change up to the point of national publication by the Improvement Service in February 2018.

As no representative from the Education Service was in attendance to respond to questions at this point in the proceedings (10.40 am), the Chair adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes to allow a representative to attend. When the meeting resumed at 10.50 am, six (6) elected members and one (1) appointed member remained present with Cathy Quinn, Improving Outcomes Manager, Education Service, in attendance.

Motion

That Committee notes the information set out in the report and Appendix A.

Moved by Councillor Phil Fairlie. Seconded by Councillor Bill Mason.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged as appropriate and having had opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report and Appendix A.

Ends 11.30 am

