

Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A D Hobbs

A M Loughran

B McKeown

D M McNaughton

L Nixon

J T Rose

Also in attendance:- Councillor J Hood - Cabinet Member, Community
Portfolio
Councillor G P K Pardesi, Cabinet Member, Leisure
Portfolio
Councillor J M Pert

Officers in attendance:-

J Presland	-	Head of Operations
A Nevin	-	Head of Wellbeing
S Taylor	-	Housing Assistance, Health and Leisure Service Manager
H Smith	-	Strategic Housing and Homelessness Service Manager
L Booth	-	Streetscene Manager
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

CWB8 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2025, as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record.

CWB9 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E G R Jones, P A Leason and J Thorley (substituted by Councillor A M Loughran).

Apologies were also received from County Councillor A Orlandi-Fantini and G Whitehouse, Head of Regulatory Services

CWB10 County Councillor - Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

In the absence of the County Councillor, the draft Minutes from the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 31 July were circulated.

Councillor J M Pert provided a verbal update, focussing on the NHS Savings Plan.

Councillor B McKeown asked for clarity regarding the circulated County Council minutes, as page two stated there had been a workforce increase since 2019, but on page three it reads that there had been a workforce reduction.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the draft minutes be noted.

CWB11 Events Policy 2025-2030 - Called-in Item

The following matter was called in from the published Cabinet Minutes of 24 July 2025 by Councillors A P Edgeller, L Nixon and J M Pert for the following reason:

“To scrutinise the contents of the Events Policy”.

All members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the Events Policy.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the decision of the Cabinet in relation to Events Policy 2025-2030 (Minute Number CAB18), be noted.

CWB12 Housing Plus Presentation

Wayne Gethings, Group Chief Executive Housing Plus delivered a presentation updating the Committee of the merger between Housing Plus Group and Wrekin Housing Group on 6 January 2025.

The presentation to be circulated to Members.

Contact details for the Regional Directors to be circulated when the appointments have been made.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Wayne Gethings to send information on how many properties are currently EPC C and above.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the contents of the presentation be noted.

CWB13 Disabled Facilities Grants Presentation

Housing Assistance, Health and Leisure Service Manager delivered a presentation regarding Disabled Facilities Grants.

The presentation to be circulated to Members.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the presentation be noted

CWB14 Q1 Performance Report

Head of Wellbeing introduced the appendices.

Councillor B McKeown requested quarterly S106 reports showing available spend for parks in each Ward.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the presentation be noted

CWB15 Work Programme

Considered a report presenting the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

Members agreed that in the absence of C Royall, J Presland would continue to work with the Task and Finish Group regarding Food Waste.

RESOLVED:- that:

- (a) in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the work programme be noted.
- (b) a meeting of the Task and Finish Group - Food Waste be convened before the end of December

CHAIR