

At a Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Internal) of the Richmondshire District Council held virtually on Thursday, 26 November 2020 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Paul Cullen (Chairman).  
Councillors John Amsden, Lorraine Hodgson, Leslie Rowe and Clive World.

**Officers:** Colin Dales (Corporate Director - Operations), Amanda Dyson (Waste and Street Scene Manager) and Sarah Holbird (Democratic Services Officer).

**Apologies:** Councillors Lawrence Grose and Karin Sedgwick

**OSI-11/20 Minutes - 17 September 2020**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2020 be signed and approved as an accurate record.

**OSI-12/20 Public Speaking and Question Time**

There were no public questions or statements submitted for consideration at the meeting.

**OSI-13/20 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**OSI-14/20 Order of Business**

The Chairman advised that due to the Corporate Director – Operations experiencing connectivity issues Items 7 and 8 would be considered first.

**OSI-15/20 Performance Monitoring Briefings - Quarter 2 2020-21**

Further to Minute OSI-9/20 (17 September 2020), the Chairman provided an update on attendance at the Quarter 2 2020/21 Performance Briefings.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

**OSI-16/20 Task Group Updates and Work Programme 2020-2021**

Further to Minute OSI-10/20 (17 September 2020), the Democratic Services Manager submitted a written report which provided an update on the Task Groups Held since the committee's last meeting and presented the up to date work programme for 2020-2021.

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**Resolved:** That the updated work programme be noted.

**(NOTE: Councillor Leslie Rowe left the meeting at approximately 7.00 pm prior to consideration of the following item).**

**OSI-17/20 Update on Dog Warden/Enforcement Service**

Further to Minute OS1/27 (17 March 2016), the Corporate Director – Operations provided an update on the work of the dog warden/enforcement service and advised that there had been a shift in the focus of the service due to changes in demand.

The prevalence of social media now means that many lost dogs are found and reunited with their owners without input from the Dog Warden Service, which has in turn affected the level of income received for this element of the service.

The role of the Dog Warden has been redefined as a more generic Enforcement & Monitoring Officer role and a greater focus put on littering, fly tipping, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles and enforcement at Recycling sites which has resulted in an increase in the number of fixed penalty notices issued.

The service also deals with a number of key community messages – Tikspac initiative, re-homing service, ID Microchipping and tagging campaigns, 'Eyes Watching' on dog fouling hotspots, Keep Britain Tidy Campaign – Great British Clean Up and Dog Trust Campaign – Walk this Way.

Members stated that the issue of dog fouling continues to be the biggest complaint received.

**Resolved:** That the update be noted.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7.25 pm.