

Appendix C

Minute Extracts from the Strategic Scrutiny Committee and Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee.

STRATEGIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 5 June 2025

Minute No. 7 - Scrutiny Annual Report

Councillor Matthew Williams presented the report of the Scrutiny Programme Board making the following points:

- the report was now in line with the municipal year which explained why two had been presented close together;
- there was a new format for which he thanked officers for improvements which meant that the report went beyond a list of issues which had been considered and began to look at the impact of scrutiny; and
- the Scrutiny Programme Board would look to make further improvements.

During discussion Members asked questions and made the following points:

- had the suggestion to offer family membership been progressed?
- it appeared that nothing had happened with regard to active travel for those with a disability; and
- Transport Member Working Group minutes had not been received and were requested.

Councillor Williams moved the recommendations as set out in the report, seconded by Councillor K Mitchell which following a vote were CARRIED.

CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 3 July 2025

Minute No.73 - Scrutiny Annual Report

The Chair thanked Councillor Matthew Williams for attending and invited him, as Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Board to present the Annual Scrutiny Report.

Councillor Matthew Williams presented the report making the following points:

- he thanked the Democratic Services Officer for positive changes to the report and stated that this would continue to develop;
- the report had been brought in line with the municipal year; and
- he thanked members of the Scrutiny Programme Board, Councillors Parkhouse, Rees, Mitchell, M., and Pole for their work on the report.

During discussion Members made the following points:

- a reduction in property costs for Citizens Advice Exeter had been realised and could be listed as an impact;
- information presented to the public changed as a result of scrutiny of the community lottery could also be seen as an impact;
- outputs or outcomes might better represent what was currently listed under Impact;
- impact may not be seen within the timescale for an annual report;
- an updated Asset Management Policy had not yet been seen;
- there was a need to avoid acronyms.

The Chair moved and Councillor Cookson seconded the recommendation as set out in the report and following a vote was CARRIED unanimously.