

Blackpool Council

16 January 2024

To: Councillors Boughton, P Brookes, Hoyle, Humphreys, B Mitchell, D Scott, S Smith, Thomas and Wilshaw

The above members are requested to attend the:

LEVELLING UP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 24 January 2024 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool

A G E N D A

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

(1) the type of interest concerned either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKING

To consider any requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2023 (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 November 2023 as a true and correct record.

4 EXECUTIVE AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS (Pages 7 - 16)

To consider the Executive and Cabinet Member Decisions within the remit of the Committee, taken since the last meeting.

5 FORWARD PLAN (Pages 17 - 32)

To consider the content of the Council's Forward Plan, January 2024 – April 2024 within the remit of the Committee.

6 ARTS AND CULTURE PLAN FOR BLACKPOOL (Pages 33 - 46)

To provide the Committee with an update on progress in developing a new Cultural Strategy for Blackpool.

7 LEVELLING-UP UPDATE

To provide the Committee with a verbal update on Levelling-Up in Blackpool.

8 ALCOHOL SERVICES AND STIGMA/ALCOHOL DEATHS AND COVID (Pages 47 - 52)

To report on the stigma of accessing treatment and impact of increased alcohol consumption during lockdown.

9 EMPTY PROPERTY DATA (Pages 53 - 56)

To provide the Committee with an update on how the service are actively reducing the number of empty properties across Blackpool.

10 SCRUTINY WORKPLAN (Pages 57 - 70)

To consider the Workplan and to monitor the implementation of Committee recommendations, together with any suggestions that Members may wish to make for scrutiny review topics.

To note the outcomes of the meeting and the suggestions made toward the strategy.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting as Wednesday, 13 March 2024 commencing at 6.00pm.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Jodie Stephenson, Democratic Governance Senior Advisor, Tel: 01253 477169, e-mail jodie.stephenson@blackpool.gov.uk

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