

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held in Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **9th April 2024**.

Present:

Cllr. Bell (Chair),

Cllrs. Arnold, Bartlett, Mrs. Bell, Feacey, Joseph, Ledger, Meaden.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2(c), Cllr Mrs. Bell attended as Substitute Member for Cllr. Shilton.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Michael, Shilton.

In attendance:

Chief Executive Officer - Arlingclose Treasury Management.

Deputy Chief Executive; Service Lead Finance; Head of Policy and Performance, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chair advised that due to the commercially sensitive nature of the presentation being given by Arlingclose Treasury Management it would be necessary to exclude the press and public for the entirety of that item. Therefore a change to the agenda was proposed, with the Arlingclose item moved to the end of the agenda.

385 Declaration of Interest

Cllr	Interest	Minute No
Feacey	Made a Voluntary Announcement that he was Chair of Ashford International Development Company	389

386 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 13th February 2024 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

387 Schedule of Cabinet Key Decisions

The Head of Policy and Performance introduced the Schedule, which contained details of Key Decisions to be taken by the Cabinet. It was proposed that as part of the consultation process that the draft Corporate Plan be brought to the Overview and

Scrutiny Committee in June. At the present time, there were no items for the May meeting of the Committee, and it was suggested that this be cancelled.

The Committee felt strongly that an item on the implementation of the new waste collection service should be brought before the Committee. A Member gave a detailed description of missing waste collection in their Ward and questioned whether the communications strategy should have been stronger. The Chair commented that there had been a large volume of negative comments on a recent Facebook post regarding the service and that suggested that the service rollout had not been as smooth as had been suggested.

The Head of Policy and Performance advised that discussions would take place with Officers on when this item would be brought before the Committee, noting the Committee's desire to consider the item by June 2024 at the latest.

Resolved:

- (i) **That the report be received and noted.**
- (ii) **A report on the rollout of the new Waste Collection Service be brought to the Committee by June 2024.**

388 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure of exempt information hereinafter specified by reference to paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

389 Arlingclose Presentation

The Chief Executive Officer – Arlingclose Treasury Management gave a presentation to the Committee on the treasury management strategy of the Council, the history of the strategy and forecasts moving forward.

The Committee asked questions regarding the decisions made throughout the strategy period.

Resolved:

That the presentation be received and noted.