

Harborough District Council



Report to Council Meeting of 11 November 2023

Title:	Update from the following Committees and Panels since the last Council meeting on 6 November 2023: Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel (16 November 2023)
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Appendices:	Appendix 1 -Community Overview and Scrutiny Minutes from 16 November 2023

Summary

- i. This report summarises the activities of the various Committees and Panels that have met since the last meeting of Council on 6 November 2023.

Recommendations

1. That Council note the report.

Reasons for Recommendations

- ii. The Council Procedure Rules provide that Council will, at an ordinary meeting of the Council, receive a report from each committee and receive questions and answers on that report.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report provides an update for Council on the activities of committee and panels which have met since the last meeting of Council.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council's constitution provides at Council Procedure Rule 2 that ordinary meetings of Council will "*receive reports from the Council's Committees and receive questions and answers on those reports*". It is likely that the rationale behind this requirement is as a result of there sometimes being long periods of time between meetings of committees, which means that minutes are not approved and published for councillors who were not in attendance to review and ask questions about. By providing an update report and allowing Councillors to ask questions of the Committee and Panel Chairs in full Council, the Council ensures that there is timely oversight of the valuable democratic activity taking place within the Council.

3. Details

Overview and Scrutiny Functions

- 3.1. The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel met on 16 November 2023 and considered Local Plan LDS and Issues & Options Consultation. The minutes are attached in Appendix 1.

4. Implications of Decisions

Corporate Priorities

- 4.1. The Council is committed to delivering its corporate priorities as set out in its corporate plan. Providing the information contained within this report gives assurance that the Council continues to work to deliver these priorities.

Consultation

- 4.2. This report reflects the activity of the committees, which all members were entitled to attend. No further consultation is required.

Financial

- 4.3. This report provides an update on the work of the committees and has no financial consequences for the budget set by the Council.

Legal

- 4.4. This report provides an update on the work of the committees and ensures the committees comply with the requirement to report their activity to Council as set out in the Council Procedure Rules.

Environment Implications

- 4.5. This update report does not impact upon the Council's commitment to achieving net zero carbon.

Risk Management

- 4.6. The contents of this report do not pose any risk implications for the Council as it provides an update on the work of a committee.

Equalities Impact

- 4.7. The Council has a statutory duty to consider and demonstrate equalities impact in all of its activities. However, the report does not directly impact upon the public sector equality duty given it reports the activities of a committee.

Data Protection

- 4.8. This report contains no private information.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1. Council is invited to note the democratic activity since the last meeting of Council as set out in this report.

6. Background papers

- 6.1. None

