

## **THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**6 June 2024**

### **Minute Extract**

#### **ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2023/24**

(SC093)

The Chairperson introduced the report, which set out proposals for the Annual Scrutiny Report, ([available here](#)). The committee was recommended to consider the report and make any necessary comments on the content before its submission to full council.

Councillor Danny Lee addressed the committee and highlighted the following points:

1. Regarding the review of the work of the Economic and Housing Policy Committee, he welcomed the aim of making the district a premier business location but noted the lack of support for rural district areas.
2. He observed the importance of linking the cultural strategy to business needs in both the city and district areas.
3. He highlighted the focus on climate change mitigation but emphasised the need to consider adaptation strategies as well.
4. Regarding the Community Safety Partnership, he queried the follow-up actions from the last meeting, particularly concerning the closure of landlines by the end of the year and residents' anxieties surrounding this issue.
5. He questioned the statement on page 27 regarding being carbon neutral by 2030, suggesting it needed qualification between operational and embodied carbon.
6. He also queried the status of the carbon credit trading initiative mentioned in the report.

Councillor Caroline Brook responded with the following points:

1. She clarified that many recommendations go to the Cabinet for consideration, and it is up to the Cabinet to decide on their implementation.
2. She acknowledged the importance of the landline closure issue raised and noted that it was taken up for consideration at the last meeting and agreed that it should be followed up.

The committee noted that the report represented a succinct summary of the main work it had conducted during the previous municipal year. The committee wished to express thanks to the previous committee members for their contributions over the past year and to Councillor Horrill for her contribution to the committee and the Performance Panel.

#### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

That Council note the annual scrutiny report for 2023/24.