

Tuesday, 2 April 2024

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

A meeting of **Overview and Scrutiny Board** will be held on

**Wednesday, 10 April 2024**

commencing at **5.30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Banking Hall, Castle Circus entrance on the left corner of the Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Steve Darling (Chairman)

Councillor Brook

Councillor Law

Councillor Cowell

Councillor Long

Councillor Fellows

Councillor Strang

Councillor Joyce

Councillor Twelves (Vice-Chair)

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# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD AGENDA

1. **Apologies**  
To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Board.
2. **Minutes** (Pages 4 - 8)  
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 13 March 2024.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
  - a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda  
  
**For reference:** Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.
  - b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda  
  
**For reference:** Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.  
  
**(Please Note:** If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)
4. **Urgent Items**  
To consider any other items that the Chairwoman decides are urgent.
5. **Review of Investigation into Removal of the Palm Trees at the Italian Gardens, Torquay** (Pages 9 - 22)  
To consider a report and responses to key lines of enquiry regarding an investigation into Removal of the Palm Trees at the Italian Gardens, Torquay following a Councillor Call for Action approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 11 January 2024.
6. **Governance and Commissioning Review of Local Authority Company - SWISCO** (Pages 23 - 48)  
To consider a report on the Governance and Commissioning Review of the Local Authority Company – SWISCO and make recommendations to the Cabinet.

- 7. Council Business Plan 2023-2027** (To Follow)  
To consider the draft Council Business Plan for 2023 to 2027 which sets out how the Cabinet intends to deliver the Community and Corporate Plan and to make recommendations to the Cabinet.
- 8. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/2024** (Pages 49 - 68)  
To approve the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2023/2024 for submission to Annual Council on 16 May 2024.
- 9. Initial Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes 2024/2025** (Pages 69 - 87)  
To approve the initial Work Programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Board and note the emerging Work Programmes for the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board and the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board.