

Communities Scrutiny Commission Agenda



Date: Tuesday, 27 February 2024

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: The Bordeaux Room - City Hall, College Green,
Bristol, BS1 5TR

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Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

3. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest from councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Any declaration of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

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5. Chair's Business

6. Public Forum

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item.

Any member of the public or councillor may participate in Public Forum. The detailed arrangements for so doing are set out in the Public Information Sheet at the back of this agenda. Public Forum items should be emailed to scrutiny@bristol.gov.uk and please note that the following deadlines will apply in relation to this meeting:

Questions - Written questions must be received at least 3 clear working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that your question(s) must be received in this office at the latest by **5.00 pm on Wednesday 21 February 2024**

Petitions and Statements - Petitions or written statements must be received at latest by 12.00 noon on the working day prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that petitions or statements must be received in this office at the latest by **12.00 noon on Monday 26 February 2024**

Please also note:

Questions, petitions and statements must relate to the remit of the Communities Scrutiny Commission.

Members of the press and public who plan to attend a public meeting at City Hall are advised that you will be required to sign in when you arrive. Please note that you will be issued with a visitor pass which you will need to display at all times.



**7. Update on Ecological Emergency Action Plan
(time allocation: 25 minutes) Pages 17 - 25**

Report enclosed.

**8. Bristol Community Safety Partnership report 2022/23
(time allocation: 25 minutes) Pages 26 - 42**

Report enclosed.

**9. Communities Scrutiny comments on Cabinet report on
allotment rents and water charges Pages 43 - 55
(time allocation: 15 minutes)**

On 5 March, the Cabinet will be considering a report seeking approval of updated rents and water charges for allotments.

Members of the Communities Scrutiny Commission received a detailed briefing on 15 February on the financial and service background to the proposals, including details of the rationale for the proposed increases, the results of benchmarking with other authorities, and the proposed extension to concessions offered.

The 5 March Cabinet report is due to be published on 26 February and will be forwarded to Commission members as soon as available. In the meantime, background information on the proposals is set out in the enclosed slide presentation, as shared with Commission members on 15 February.

At this meeting, the Commission is asked to formulate any comments on the Cabinet report for submission to the Cabinet meeting on 5 March.

Please note: Communities Scrutiny Commission members are aware that further to the recent public consultation, the Council’s administration has decided, and communicated widely to stakeholders that other proposed allotment changes, particularly in relation to tenancy rules, are not being taken forward at this time (for background, a copy of the letter sent to allotment stakeholders by the Cabinet member for Public Health and Communities is enclosed).

At this meeting on 27 February, the Communities Scrutiny Commission will solely be commenting on the Cabinet report seeking approval of updated rents and water charges for allotments.

10. Community assets update (time allocation: 1 hour) Pages 56 - 69

Report enclosed.



11. For information - Quarterly Performance report (quarter 2, 2023/24)

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