



1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Cllr Fitzgerald sub by Cllr Coles (temporary sub) and Cllr Brown sub by Cllr Horgan, Cllr Neish and Cllr Maureen Davis

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made

3 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

4 Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 29th January were approved as an accurate record.
The action log was noted by the Committee.

5 Appointment of Skills Rapporteur

No appointment was made

6 Improvement Framework

RESOLVED

- a) Note the identified areas of ongoing concern set out in the Best Value Notice received in January 2024 attached as Appendix 1.
- b) Note the closedown of activity in the current improvement plan (phase 2).
- c) Note the draft phase 3 improvement plan to reflect the ongoing concerns set out in the Best Value Notice received in January 2024 to be submitted to the CA Board on 20 March 2024 for agreement.
- d) Note the draft revised terms of reference for the Independent Improvement Board going forward, to reflect the delivery of stated areas of improvement identified by the Best Value Notice received in January 2024.
- e) Note the progress on the 'Governance and decisioning making' improvement workstream

7 Corporate Performance Report

RESOLVED

- a) Scrutinise performance information relating to the Combined Authority's Corporate Key Performance Indicators.
- b) Scrutinise performance information relating to the Combined Authority's Most Complex Programmes and Projects.
- c) Scrutinise performance information relating to the Combined Authority's Headline Priority Activities.
- d) Note progress to evaluate the impact of the Devolution Deal Investment Fund in a Gateway Review

8 State of the Region

RESOLVED

- a) Note progress to develop the 2024 State of the Region review
- b) Note proposed further development in future years.

9 Performance Review: Skills Funded Provision 2022-23

RESOLVED

- a) For Members to note and comment

10 Climate Change

RESOLVED

The Committee scrutinised the activity on tackling the causes and impacts of climate change and agreed to recommend to the Environmental & Sustainable Communities Committee that the CPCA requires better evidence of likely project success before allocating funds and that officers recognise that reallocating underspent funds diminishes their value; it is important to strengthen project evaluation processes to ensure effective utilisation of allocated funds.

11 Bus Reform Update

RESOLVED

- a) To note the update

12 OSC Draft Annual Report

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUS):

- a) Comment on the draft Annual Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2023/24 (Appendix 1) before it is submitted to the CA Board at its AGM on the 5 th June
- b) Approve the draft report subject to agreed changes

13 Combined Authority Forward Plan

RESOLVED

- a) To note and comment on the plan

14 O&S Committee Draft Work Programme

RESOLVED

- a) The Committee is requested to note the draft work programme for the municipal year 2024/25 as shown at Appendix 1 and discuss items for the work programme.
- b) The Committee is requested to note the proposed induction session on the 18th June and the work programming/ways of working workshop scheduled for 17th June

15 CA Board

RESOLVED

That the Committee should recommend to the CA Board under the Business Board recommendations that there was a need to define and communicate the specific responsibilities and expectations for the Business Board Representative at the Environment Committee and other committees to ensure consistent engagement.

16 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 1st July at Pathfinder House CPCA Meeting Room.