
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE,
HELD ON TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 2026 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, STATION ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA,
CO15 1SE**

Present:	Councillors P Honeywood (Chairman), Amos (Vice-Chairman), Bensilum, Bush, Casey, Goldman, J Henderson, Newton and Steady
In Attendance:	Keith Simmons (Assistant Director (Corporate Policy & Support) & Deputy Monitoring Officer), Katie Koppenaal (Democratic Services Officer) and Bethany Jones (Democratic Services Officer)

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies for absence submitted nor substitutions made on this occasion.

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Amos, seconded by Councillor Goldman and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on Thursday, 21 May 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following alteration and amendment to Minute 6 that:

"The approach currently being taken is not the result of a decision made by this Cabinet, and I am not in a position today to state what our future course of action will be. I will therefore take this information aware, consider it collectively with Cabinet, and provide a written response once a decision has been reached" to change to say The Chairman, Councillor P Honeywood, advised that the response on page 23 of the agenda, it is stated *"The approach currently being taken is not the result of a decision made by this Cabinet, and I am not in a position today to state what our future course of action will be. I will therefore take this information aware, consider it collectively **with my Cabinet colleagues at an Informal Cabinet meeting due to be held on Friday 29 May 2026,** and provide a written response once a decision has been reached"*

The Chairman noted that the minutes recorded a written response would be provided by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning and requested that this be followed up.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made by Members on this occasion.

11. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 38

No Questions on Notice pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 38 had been submitted by Members for this meeting.

12. **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CORPORATE POLICY & SUPPORT) -
A.1 - REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Assistant Director (Corporate Policy & Support) presented the Committee, where relevant with an overview of its approved Work Programme for 2025/26, feedback to the Committee on the decisions taken in respect of previous recommendations from the Committee arising from enquiries undertaken, and a list of forthcoming decisions for which public notice had been given.

It was reported that as part of the preparation for the 2026/27 Work Programme, a consultation had been conducted to invite Councillors, partner agencies and members of the public to suggest topics for the Scrutiny Committees' consideration.

A joint informal meeting of the Council's two Scrutiny Committees had been held on Thursday 4 June 2026 whereby consultation feedback had been considered.

The Committee heard that the Democratic Services Team had also been in communication with both Chairmen on the Overview and Scrutiny Committees regarding the creation of the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2025/26. That report was presented to the Committee at the meeting as a 'to follow' item as Appendix E to the report (A.1).

It was proposed that a provisional date of Wednesday, 29 July 2026 be set for the Task and Finish Group's Temporary Accommodation Enquiry Day, subject to the availability of those required to participate in the inquiry.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Committee:

- (a) the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for 2026/27 be submitted to Full Council for approval; and
- (b) notes its updated Work Programme for 2025/26 (Appendix A), feedback to the Committee on the decisions in respect of previous recommendations (Appendix C) and the list of forthcoming decisions (Appendix D).

It was further **RESOLVED**, also having been moved and seconded by Councillors Bensilum and Newton, that the Assistant Director (Corporate Policy & Support) be authorised, following consultation with the Committee's Chairman, to:

- (a) finalise the review of the year 2025/26 Overview and Scrutiny Report to be submitted to Full Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.25 pm

Chairman