

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2025

Present: Councillor S Dannheimer, Chair

Councillors: S Webb (Vice-Chair)
J M Owen (Vice-Chair)
H J Faccio
K A Harlow
S P Jeremiah (substitute)
H Land
P J Owen (substitute)
A W G A Stockwell
C M Tideswell
E Winfield

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S J Carr, H L Crosby, D L MacRae and K Woodhead.

68 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

69 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday, 25 September 2025 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

70 **MINUTES FROM WORKING GROUPS**

There were no minutes from working groups to be considered.

71 **CONSIDERATION OF CALL-IN**

There were no call-ins to be considered.

72 **SPOTLIGHT REVIEW: MARKETS**

The Committee considered a report updating members on the progress towards ten recommendations relating to markets previously made by the Committee. The Regeneration Projects Manager summarised each of these and responded to several comments relating to the number and location of any new markets, weekend trading, car parking and value for money.

RESOLVED that a further update be submitted to the Committee in six-months.

73 FINAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY MEMORIALS TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Members considered the final report of the task and finish group, with the Chair detailing its key recommendations. It was clarified that the Committee would make its recommendations to Cabinet to then take the decision, and that this would be a key decision.

Officers spoke about their concerns that the implementation account for risks in accessibility, public & employee safety, legal & regulatory compliance, and operational delivery. The establishment of a Member-Officer working group to work on the best implementation of Cabinet's decision was suggested.

Members made comments about the sensitivity of issues relating to cemeteries, the consequences of altering Regulations, the importance of Officer advice, and changing social attitudes.

It was proposed and seconded that a vote be carried out on whether to resolve to add a recommendation to Cabinet on the formation of a Member-Officer working group to aid in implementation. This was carried.

A recorded vote on the matter of resolving the recommendations of the final report of the task and finish group was proposed by Councillor P Owen and seconded by Councillor A W G A Stockwell:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
H J Faccio	P J Owen	A W G A Stockwell
E Winfield	J M Owen	
H Land		
S P Jeremiah		
K A Harlow		
S Webb		
C Tideswell		
S Dannheimer		

RESOLVED that a recommendation to Cabinet be added on the formation of a Member-Officer working group to aid in the implementation of the other recommendations.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends the final report of the cemetery memorials task and finish group and that report's recommendations to Cabinet.

74 CONSIDERATION OF TOPICS FOR AN UPCOMING SCRUTINY REVIEW

The Committee discussed areas for its future consideration.

RESOLVED that the items regarding of ICT issues and the Christmas lights switch-on be returned to a future meeting.

75 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Cabinet Work Programme.

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The Committee considered its Work Programme

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme, as amended, be approved.