

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
29 JANUARY 2024

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF REPORT: Lord Lister Hotel – Call To Account – Chair’s Report

REPORT OF: CLLR DAVID LEVETT, CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
2022-2023

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: N/A

COUNCIL PRIORITY: N/A

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider the report of Councillor David Levett (Appendix A), the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny for Civic Year 2022-2023, following the Call to Account on the Lord Lister Hotel Urgency Proceedings on 28 September 2022.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee refers the report, attached as Appendix A, to Council, together with the copy of the lessons learnt and the appropriate section of the minutes of the meeting of 28 September 2022.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. The recommendations are being made following the Call to Account on 28 September 2022.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1. No alternative options.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1. This report has been brought to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to consideration by Full Council.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1. This call to account was formally proposed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 13 June 2022, following a proposal at Annual Council of 26 May 2022. At this time, Cllr Levett confirmed that Anthony Roche, Martin Lawrence and Cllr Elizabeth Dennis would be subject to questioning on this item.

7.2. The written report was brought to an Extraordinary meeting of the Committee on 28 September 2022. The Chair advised at the meeting that a report would be written and brought to Overview and Scrutiny before referral to Full Council.

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 See the attached report (Appendix A) of former Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cllr David Levett.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1. Paragraph 6.3.9 (a) of the Council's Constitution enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to: Scrutinise and review decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any Council functions (as set out in the Terms of Reference). As well as reviewing documentation, in fulfilling the Scrutiny role, it may require any member of the Cabinet, the Head of Paid Service and/or any appropriate Officer to attend before it to explain in relation to matters within their remit:

- (i) any particular decision or series of decisions;
- (ii) the extent to which the actions taken implement Council policy; and/or
- (iii) their performance

and it is the duty of those persons to attend if so required.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None apparent from the cover report or the Call to Account report at Appendix A from Cllr Levett.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1. Effective overview and scrutiny of policy, administrative, service delivery, and expenditure decisions helps reduce risk of an inappropriate decision being made. The cope and timeframe for scrutiny interventions should be considered in light of the potential impact of inappropriate scrutiny leading to decisions not being made, inappropriately made or not made at right time.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1. In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2. There are no direct equality implications arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1. The Social Value Act and “go local” requirements do not apply to this report.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 None relating the report.

16. APPENDICES

16.1. Appendix A – Call to Account on Lord Lister – Chair’s Report.

17. CONTACT OFFICERS

17.1 N/A.

18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

18.1 [Call to account of delegated decision taken on 13 August 2021 in accordance with ‘Special Urgency’ provisions contained within the Council’s Constitution.](#)

18.2 [Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 28 September 2022, 7.30pm, including minutes and recording of the Call to Account.](#)

18.3 [Lessons Identified and Next Steps – included at section 4 of the Call to Account report of the Managing Director, Strategic Housing Manager and Leader of the Council.](#)