



**Westmorland
& Furness
Council**

To: Members of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Dear Member

COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2024
Time: 5.00 pm
Place: Georgian Room - Kendal Town Hall, Lowther Street,
Kendal, LA9 4DQ

Please note, as agreed with the Chair, a pre-meeting will be held for Committee Members starting at 4.30p.m. in the Georgian Room.

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MEMBERSHIP

Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)
Cllr B McEwan (Vice-Chair)
Cllr L Baker
Cllr J Boak
Cllr B Cooper

Cllr K Hamilton
Cllr H Hodgson
Cllr H Irving
Cllr G Simpkins

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Agenda and Reports

Copies of the agenda and Part I reports are available for members of the public to inspect prior to the meeting. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

The agenda and Part I reports are also available on the Westmorland and Furness website

<https://westmorlandandfurness.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=261>

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERSHIP

To receive details of any changes in membership.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

To receive declarations of interest by members of any interests on respect of items on this agenda, and to consider any dispensations.

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registerable or other interests.

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 February 2024 (copy enclosed).

(Pages 5 - 12)

6. COMMUNITY POWER STRATEGY

To receive an update on the Community Power Strategy and provide feedback and input regarding the strategic vision for community power.

(Pages 13 - 26)

7. WATER QUALITY REGULATION

To receive a presentation on water quality regulation, with representations from Environment Agency and United Utilities.

(Pages 27 - 48)

8. BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN AND LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

To receive a report on Biodiversity Net Gain and Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

(Pages 49 - 130)

9. APPROACH TO HARMONISATION, UPGRADING AND FUTURE-PROOFING OF THE COUNCIL'S LIGHTING STOCK

To receive an update on the Council's approach to harmonising all lighting assets across Westmorland and Furness into one, all-encompassing lighting policy.
(Pages 131 - 144)

10. BUS SERVICE ROUTE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

To receive a report regarding and provide feedback on the current Bus Route Consultation.
(Pages 145 - 160)

11. COMMITTEE UPDATE

To receive a report from the Strategic Policy and Scrutiny Advisor.
(Pages 161 - 178)

12. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any urgent items of business.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 15 July 2024 at 5 p.m. and will be held in the District Council Chamber at Kendal Town Hall.