

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Wednesday, 30 November 2022 at 6.00 pm

In attendance: Councillors Will Cooper, Sian Eiles and Coral Howard and

Also joining the meeting virtually: Councillors Natasha Burgess and Laura Cunningham

Also present: Timothy Andrew (Scrutiny Manager)

NB: Those Councillors listed as joining virtually were not in attendance for the purposes of the meeting being quorate, any decisions taken or to satisfy the requirements of s85 Local Government Act 1972

1. Election of the Chair

- 1.1 **Resolved:** that Councillor Coral Howard should be Chair of the Task and Finish Group.

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 There were none.

3. Community Food Growing Task and Finish Group scoping report

- 3.1 Councillor Coral Howard provided an overview of the proposal for the Task and Finish Group. She outlined the background to the proposal and provided some context for the Group's work. Councillor Howard also indicated the importance of equality, sustainability, and access to resources.
- 3.2 Timothy Andrew (Scrutiny Manager) introduced the scoping report – highlighting the key sections and inviting members comments on the key lines of enquiry.
- 3.3 Members discussed the scoping report – the following key points were noted:
- Members welcomed the report and emphasised the importance of timetabling evidence gathering around Councillors' availability.
 - There was consideration of the next steps for evidence gathering.
 - Consideration was given to standard questions for evidence gathering (where members attended sessions independently).
- 3.4 A member of the public was invited to address the Committee – they asked questions about the intended outcomes of the group.
- 3.5 **Resolved:** that the key lines of enquiry be agreed – and that further consideration should be given to structuring the evidence gathering process.

The meeting ended at 6.30 pm

Chair:

Date:
