

July 25 report from EDDC Cllr Vicky Johns

07.07.25 - Leisure options meeting via Teams;

Information only meeting held via Teams.

10.07.25 - Scrutiny meeting; I attended this meeting as a member of the committee, the main items discussed are below and the minutes are available on the Council website.

Annual complaint monitoring and service improvement report 2024/25 - given by the monitoring officer. - It was agreed that the Annual Complaint monitoring and service improvement report for 2024/25 be noted.

Changes to Agricultural property relief and business property relief - It was agreed that the Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged the lack of granular level data through which to accurately measure the likely impact of the proposed changes in relation to inheritance liabilities for farming enterprises in the District.

Two recommendations were made to council;

1. This issue is best addressed at a national level, taking a lead from the Environment, Food and Rural affairs select committee report.
2. There is continued support for the farming community in the District by pushing for improved consultation, the undertaking of a full impact assessment and consideration being given to both delaying the implementation of the reforms and to alternative proposals.

Update on progress with the Scrutiny action plan;

The Democratic services provided and update on progress with the Scrutiny action plan;

There were 8 recommendations which are in the EDDC minutes.

Work programme;

The monitoring officer advised that recent work had been undertaken to ensure that when proposals were brought forward, they were supported by officer advice and information so as to make any subsequent Scrutiny work meaningful and effective.

15.07.25 - Joint Scrutiny and Overview spotlight meeting via Teams; information only meeting held via Teams

16.07.25 - Full Council - I was away with work commitments during this meeting and so could not attend. The minutes are on the EDDC website.