

Present: Councillor J. Hussain (Chair)
Councillors Aslam, Chauhan (Substitute), Davis (Substitute),
Ghafoor, Kenyon (Substitute), Kouser, McLaren (Vice-Chair),
Murphy (Substitute), Sharp and Wilkinson

Also in Attendance:

Councillor Shah – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth

Councillor Taylor – Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods

Alex Bougatéf – Director of Legal

Heather Moore – Assistant Director of Governance

Christopher Lewis – Assistant Director (Creating a Better Place)

James Postle – Senior Finance Manager

Peter Thompson – Constitutional Services

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harkness, Malik, Rustidge and Williamson.

2 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Scrutiny Board resumed its proceedings after adjourning on 24th July 2025.

Some members of the Scrutiny Board were of the opinion that it was in the public interest for the item – Creating a Better Place – Update, which was considered in private session by the Cabinet on 12th June 2025.

The Chair noted that he had taken advice, on this matter, from officers from the Council's Legal Services team who had recommended that the report be considered by the Scrutiny Board in private as the Council could be damaged if the matter was considered in the public domain. This advice was on the basis that certain aspects of the works detailed in the report were still subject to a competitive tendering process and the council could be prejudiced if that information was made publicly available.

On being put to the Vote member voted by 6 votes to 5 to consider the report in public session. Councillors Aslam, Chauhan, Davis Junaid Hussain and McLaren voted for the public and press to be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the agenda item – Creating a Better Place – Update. Councillors Ghafoor, Kenyon, Kouser, Murphy, Sharp and Wilkinson voted for the agenda item - Creating a Better Place – Update, to be considered in public.

Resolved:

That the press and public be permitted to remain in the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item Creating a Better Place – Update.

3

CREATING A BETTER PLACE - UPDATE

The Chair of the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board, requested that legal advice be considered on this matter, namely whether it was appropriate for the report on Creating a Better Place – Update (which was considered in private by the Cabinet on 12th June 2025), to be considered in public session by the Scrutiny Board.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.4(k) it was MOVED that this Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board meeting be adjourned until Wednesday, 5th November 2025 at 4.30pm.

On being put to the VOTE, the Motion was CARRIED.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 6.40pm

