

Subject: OSC response to email of 20 September

Good Afternoon

I sent the email below on behalf of Councillor Will Pascall Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee at 5.40pm today.

Due to the size of the attachments it may take some time to come through to your inbox. Please do let me know on Monday if you have not received the email with the attachments and my contact details are below.

Kind regards

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Good afternoon,

I have included an email below from Councillor Will Pascall Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Dear ,

Thank you for your email of 20th September on behalf of the Coalition Against Asset Stripping. We hope you received our acknowledgement of receipt by OSC.

At our OSC meeting we all agreed that we needed time to read and digest it in detail. We also agreed that we should reply as soon as we had more background to the issues you raised. As a relatively new committee membership we therefore welcomed Calum Wilson's offer of a written briefing which we discussed this week. In general terms we agreed that this brief addresses much, but not all, of the issues you have raised including the ones he has indicated are for the Committee to address directly.

1. Delay the Asset Strategy Decision until it has returned for meaningful pre-decision scrutiny - OSC does not have the power to determine the timetable for the Leadership's decision-making.
2. Undertake substantive scrutiny of the issues raised in this letter and require a clear, point-by-point response to the concerns and questions set out above. OSC are agreed that Calum Wilson's briefing addresses much but not all of the questions you have raised. For example we cannot fully scrutinise the VCS draft until we have seen the response of the circa 600 Community organisations to the current VCS Policy consultation.

3. Review OSC's own scrutiny and consider external investigation.- OSC will consider a review and will consult with Statutory officers.

Attached to this email is Calum Wison's briefing including attachments.

We would very much welcome your thoughts on this interim progress in response to your email.

In the meantime, OSC feels that this subject and particularly the Implementation of the VCS Leadership Team policy decisions, requires further Scrutiny and we will come back to you on this as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

Will.

Cllr. Will Pascall

Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee