

REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF POLICY AND CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

The last meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee took place on the 11th April 2012 and Members were provided with updates on the completed work programmes and recommendations from all the Overview and Scrutiny Committees: Each Committee received detailed recommendations that have been made at the conclusion of each review. The number of recommendations varied from Committee to Committee, however in total over 100 recommendations have been agreed. These recommendations have now been signed off by the Policy and Review Committee and they will be sent separately for comment to their respective Executive Member for a formal response.

Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

Policy and Corporate Resources OSC has successfully completed its agreed work programme around the overall CAPITA Savings and Management cuts to the Authority.

In addition, Members have continued to look at and review the Council's RIPA policy, assisted Children's & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in reviewing dementia proposals for East Lancashire, as well as monitoring each scrutiny Committees work programme.

Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

The Regeneration and Neighbourhoods OSC had a very productive 2011/2012. The Committee created 4 Task Groups to look in depth at key risks and challenges that covered all portfolios within its remit.

The four topics looked at by the Committee's Task Groups:

- £250,00 Reduction in Core Fee,
- Reduction in Street Cleaning,
- Promoting Growth,
- Selective Landlord Licensing.

The Children's & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

The Children's & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has had a very busy but successful year. During this time the Committee and its Task Groups have reviewed a total of 5 topics, which has covered issues that have arisen through out the year (e.g. Dementia).

The five topics looked at by the Committee's Task Groups:

- re:Fresh,
- Personal Budgets,
- Development of the Centre for independent Living,

- Youth Offending Team,
- Not in Education and Employment.

Annual Review of Scrutiny

The Annual Review of Scrutiny took place on the 17th April 2012, where Members across all political parties came together to discuss the outcomes from 2011/2012, challenges and the future direction of Scrutiny. The Annual Review of Scrutiny held more significance this year in light of the changes to Scrutiny in the previous twelve months and allowed Members the opportunity to discuss and review the positives and negative of the work it has completed this financial year.

Further details and agreed outcomes/recommendations from the Annual review will be presented to full Council on the 17th May 2012.

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