

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

Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At the last meeting of the Policy and Corporate Resources Committee Members received a detailed presentation from the Executive Member for Resources and the Executive Director Resources and Transformation on the Capita Partnership on the progress and future of the Capita contract. The Committee will follow this item up in 6 months or if decisions are to be considered.

The Policy and Corporate Resources Committee on the 12th February will be receiving a presentation from the Director for HR on the Health and Safety Strategy and RIPA.

The Committee will also be following up its work on the Advice Services Scrutiny review and conducting work with the Community safety team on the Community Safety Strategy.

Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Committee have finalised the Empty Homes Strategy review and at the Committee meeting on the 29th January Members will be agreeing recommendations on its work into Empty Homes.

At the Committee on the 20th November 2013, Members received a report from the Environment Portfolio on Shisha Bars, with the view to it being the Committee's next scrutiny review topic. Members also received an update on current position of the Council's waste procurement contract.

Members have chosen to progress Shisha as a topic and to consider a broad range of issues when analysing and conducting its review. Members have also agreed to monitor progress on how the Council is tackling scrap metal theft in the borough.

Moving forwards for the remainder of the year the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Committee will be receiving updates on waste procurement, the highways recovery programme and continuing to review departmental budgets.

Children and Young people Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At the January Committee meeting the Executive Member for Children's Services gave an update on the latest budget position for his portfolio, specifically outlining the front door, self referral and remand pressures of a

demand led service and the challenges faced in the promotion and marketing of the Fostering and Adoption brand.

The Executive Member for Schools and Education gave the Committee an update on the portfolios latest budget position and as part of the ongoing work programme gave a briefing on the Virtual Head (teacher) role for Children In Our Care.

The Executive Member for Culture Leisure and young People will update the Committee in February on the Consultation regarding the Young Peoples Strategy.

Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Executive Member for Health and Adult Services advised the Committee of the latest budget position and gave the members a bi-annual update on the work of the health and Wellbeing Board. Members were also given an update on the Public Health Delivery Agreements as described in the Public Health Investment Plan 2013-2015 – based on the overview given earlier in the year.

Finally the Committee followed up with the Public Health team work from the last Committee meeting to clarify defined local arrangements and their importance, define whether local immunisation providers are aware of the key contacts in the new system and agree with the Committee how regular reports will be provided to Council bodies and by what means.

After Council Forum there is only one round of Scrutiny Committee meetings left, therefore all Committees will be expected to conclude their work programmes with final recommendations on the work they have carried out.

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