

## **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 Director for HR and Legal on the progress of the Anti-Social Behaviour Police and Crime Act 2014.

The Committee also received an update and reviewed progress on the Community Safety Annual report, which covered key areas such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Domestic Abuse and reducing reoffending.

The Policy and Corporate Resources Committee meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> February will be receiving an update on the Council's budget and savings from the Executive Member for Resources, as well as a use of RIPA update.

The Committee's CAPITA Task Group will also begin its work with the Executive Member for Resources on the CAPITA contract, when information becomes available for Members to consider.

### **Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Committee have extended its work on the Environment portfolio review and at the Committee meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Members will be undertaking a new review into Blackburn Market.

At the Committee meeting on the 3rd December 2014, Members received a report from the Executive Member for Regeneration on the portfolios budget and challenges ahead, with a view to identifying a key issue to be the Committee's next scrutiny review topic.

Members have chosen to continue its review of the Environment portfolio and to consider a broader range of before analysing and conducting its conclusions. Members have also agreed to monitor progress on the 20mph speed pilot.

Moving forwards for the remainder of the year the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Committee will be undertaking a review of Blackburn Market and the cost/benefit to the Council of a successful Market.

### **Children and Young people Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

At the January Committee meeting the Executive Member for Children's Services held a discussion with Members on Council services available to care leavers wishing to access support.

Members also received a response from Transdev to recommendations made by the Committee, regarding accessibility and affordability of public transport for young people.

At the Committee meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Members received an update from the looked after Children conference, an event that was well attended by Members and officers. The Committee also received the Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual report and the participation of Vulnerable Children and Young People Annual Review.

### **Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

At its January meeting the Health and Adults Committee will be continuing its review on foodbanks and food poverty. The Committee will receive a briefing on the subject covering, UK food for all, Blackburn Foodbank, Breakfast clubs in Blackburn and food for all day 2015.

The December meeting saw the Committee receive a presentation from the Director of Public Health on food poverty, food relief and food resilience in the Borough. The Committee also completed its work on the effective delivery of nationally mandated Public Health Programmes and Reducing Health Inequalities in Vulnerable Communities.

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.

**Jim Shorrocks (Chair)**

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