

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

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### **Municipal year and Annual Review**

We have reached the end of a very successful municipal cycle for Scrutiny. This year has seen Scrutiny continue to utilise a more collaborative and appreciative approach by each Committee, to ensure that the Corporate Plan is delivered, the Executive held to account whilst having an overview to ensure best use of resources in challenging circumstances.

This has continued the progressive work by Scrutiny Members over the last few years, ensuring that as the Council's resources have reduced the need for the Council to focus on the delivery and value of everything it does is paramount in ensuring best practice.

The Annual Review of Scrutiny is to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to allow Members to contribute to the review of the Scrutiny year and consider future challenges facing the Council and the Borough.

### **Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

At the last meeting of Policy and Corporate Resources, the Committee discussed with the Executive Member for Resources the latest budget position update, followed by a discussion on future financial challenges facing the Council. Members also considered the end of year work programme reports for all the Committees and the good work achieved by Members through the municipal year.

The Chair and Vice-Chair will continue to work with the Executive for Resources, as the Council reviews its contract with CAPITA and the options available to the Council.

### **Children's and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Children's and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its last meeting completed a comprehensive and successful work programme. One of the Committee's key successes this year has been Accessibility and affordability of public transport for young people to access leisure facilities in the Borough.

Other completed areas for the Committee has included detailed reviews on, School Improvement Service, Participation of Vulnerable Children and Young People Annual Review 2013-14, Services available in the borough for children and young people experiencing (or having experienced) trauma and Council Services available to Care leavers wishing to access support

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

The final meeting of the Committee was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, where Members concluded the work programme for the year in advance of the Annual Review of Scrutiny.

The Committee reviewed some of its key areas in its work programme and agreed final recommendations; in particular Members focused on their work on effective delivery of the nationally mandated Public Health programmes, obesity and the environment; healthy people healthy places, social isolation and loneliness, food banks, food poverty and the effects of the welfare reform.

As in previous years, the Committee has decided to continue to undertake a collaborative approach to its reviews.

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

At the last meeting of the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Members completed their work programme for 2014-2015. This included finalising recommendations for their Scrutiny review into the performance and downsizing of the Environment portfolio.

The Committee has conducted successful reviews into Alley Gates, Troubled Families and Parking enforcement in the borough, along with updates on Waste Procurement, 20mph speed limit pilot and selective landlord licensing.

Members have also been consulted on the 12 point plan and image of the Borough, the Executive Member for Regeneration also fed back to Members on how the Committee's previous work on the new Town Centre Strategy, had contributed to the 12 point plan.