

REPORT OF THE POLICY AND CORPORATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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First round of meetings

All Overview and Scrutiny Committees will have held their first round of meetings by Council Forum. Executive Members will have taken the opportunity to present their top five priorities and three risks for the forthcoming year. Using this as a guide, along with their own priorities, Members of the Committee will agree outline work programmes for 2015–16 which will be presented to Policy and Corporate Resources Committee on the 3rd August 2015.

As in the last few years it is vital, as the Council, its partners and other public sector bodies continue to face further financial pressures, that Members work together to minimise expenditure and deliver best value. More so than ever scrutiny needs to demonstrate its own contribution to added value.

This year as in previous years all Members engaged in overview and scrutiny will need to continue to work cross party to ensure the Council delivers its Corporate Plan in an ever increasing difficult environment.

The first Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group of the municipal year has been held, with Members being reminded that Corporate Parenting is everyone's responsibility. It was pleasing to see a high turnout of Members attending the group.

The Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group reports to the Children's and Young People Scrutiny Committee, as such it was agreed at its first meeting that the Chairs of the Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Director of Children's Services would meet and agree the most appropriate topics for each respective work program to help Members avoid duplication and achieve the best use of resources.

Looking forwards each Scrutiny Committee will use the summer months to undertake task and finish groups once detailed work programmes have been agreed. I look forward to updating Council at the next Council Forum of the work that has been completed.

Training and Development

On 24th June a third training event for Members took place on Childhood Sexual Exploitation (CSE). Further similar training events are currently being planned and reviewed. Members will be advised of dates once they are finalised.

Jim Shorrock

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Chair

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