

## **REPORT OF THE POLICY AND CORPORATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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**COUNCILLORS DON MCKINLAY  
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**DATE: 21<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

### **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 2016–17 which will be presented to the next Policy and Corporate Resources Committee.

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 will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016, with Members being reminded that Corporate Parenting is everyone's responsibility. It was pleasing to see a high turnout of Members attending the group in the previous year.

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.

### **Annual Review of Scrutiny;**

The Annual Review of Scrutiny was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and a number of Members were able to attend to contribute to the review of the Scrutiny year.

The Review highlighted the constructive and value driven work by Members working together a cross party, key reviews highlighted by Members included;

- Prevent and Channel: Child sexual exploitation
- Update on Universal Credit for Care Leavers
- Improving outcomes for looked after children and care leavers
- Carers support
- Effectiveness in homecare
- Maximising independence

- Your Call and community activity
- Integration of Care services with National Health services
- Impact and outcomes of BwD public health over the last two years
- The Council's Budget;
- Revenues, Benefits and Welfare Reform;
- CAPITA Review.
- Selective Landlord Licensing
- Partnership Working with Blackburn College
- Capital Projects
- The Growth Agenda
- Parking

**Don Mckinlay**

**Chair**

**Kevin Connor**

**Vice Chair**