

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

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

Since the last meeting of Council, the Committee has held a meeting to better understand the Council's workforce review programme. The Committee received a detailed presentation on how the workforce review was progressing and to see the challenges and difficult decisions that are having to be made, Members will continue to work with the Executive Member over the coming months looking at options open to the Council.

At the last meeting of the Committee, Members also received an update on the Council's budget position, and how departments were progressing against identified saving targets.

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

At its first meeting, the Executive Member for Health and Adults requested that the Committee completed a Parliamentary Inquiry request for information submission to the financial sustainability of local authority adult social care and the quality of care provided. The written submission was endorsed by the Chair and Vice Chair and accepted by the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry on Social Care. This review is now complete.

At the Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Members received an overview from the Director of Adult Services and Dr Thornton from the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust on Dementia services to gain a better understanding of what it was and what support was available for residents of Blackburn with Darwen. It was agreed that Dementia would be an ongoing topic for the Committee in this municipal year.

Members also received a presentation on the background work on the Integration of Health and Care Services Sustainability and Transformation Plan 2020 and discussed what this meant for Scrutiny moving forwards.

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

The work of the Committee has continued to gather pace, at the last meeting Members considered the progress of the Council's growth agenda and Town Centre economies.

The Committee considered the challenges Council faced in trying to achieve its income targets through the growth agenda and what strategies were available to Officers. The Committee also looked at how the Council was looking to increase its Council tax base.

### **Children & Young People's OSC**

At its meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Committee received two presentations from young people which outlined their personal experiences of the Care system and a social media research project on the impacts to Young People's mental health. Members agreed that Young People's mental health would be taken forwards as a topic for further scrutiny.

At this meeting the Committee also noted the Annual Review of the Participation of Young People, which reported how key priorities were met throughout 2015/16. Members agreed that a series of recommendations on the work completed so far would be brought to its next meeting to be approved.