

## **REPORT OF THE PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.**

**Councillor Naushad Surve**

**COORDINATING**

**DIRECTOR: Denise Park**

### **Work Programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

The Committee has started work on the programme based on suggestions put forward by members of the Committee. This programme takes into account the key areas of service delivery that were outlined by the Executive Members in June and will ensure that the Committee can add value to the work of the Executive Members.

The first main topic that the Committee are looking at is Homelessness. This issue had been highlighted by members of the Committee as a major issue affecting the borough.

### **Homelessness**

The Committee had commenced its work on the issue with a task group. The group had looked at the Borough's resources to manage homelessness, the range of services and accommodation to combat homelessness. Members were informed that the task group also considered how local neighbouring authorities were dealing with the issue and how Blackburn with Darwen was a centre of good practice in dealing with homelessness. The group had drawn up a number of recommendations which were reported to the Committee for its views. The Committee approved these recommendations for forwarding to the Executive Member and to the Executive Board for consideration.

### **Next meeting of the Committee.**

The Committee considered the work programme for the Committee for the municipal year 2018/19 and agreed to-

- Invite Director of Adults & Prevention to the next Committee to update the Committee on alternative provisions available for homeless people who felt threatened to return to their home town. Also to present a breakdown of the expenditure of the Priority Need Funding of £107k.
- Invite the Head of Planning to the next Committee to present the HMO policy with its terms and conditions.
- Invite the Executive Member of Resources to provide the Committee with information on wraparound services available for homeless people.

**Naushad Surve, Chair, Place OSC.**

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