

Report to the Council Forum

24th June 2019

Progress of the People, Place and Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The report sets out the progress of the People, Place and Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committees that met in June.

Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The People Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 3rd June and looked at the work of the Executive Members and the key priorities of the portfolio. The Committee received a presentation on the role of scrutiny and the corporate priorities. The Committee agreed-

- To meet with the Executive Members before the next meeting of the Committee in September to discuss portfolio progress towards the Corporate Priorities in depth.
- That they will focus on the delivery of Key Corporate Priorities for their work programme.
- That they will ask the Executive Members to come to the Committee when formulating actions that they are to take, where appropriate, that will contribute to the delivery of key priorities.
- That they will receive the quarterly progress reports on the performance of the portfolios
- Keep under review actions taken by Health Partners to ensure that they are delivering in line with what they promised and that this was delivering the outcomes that they envisaged.

The Committee also looked at the progress on the issue of Mental Health and especially the services to young people. The Committee will be regularly reviewing progress reports through the year.

Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 17th June 2019 and discussed the way that they were proposing to work for the municipal year. The Committee received a presentation on the role of Scrutiny and the corporate priorities. They agreed-

- That the Corporate Priorities as agreed at the Council Forum in March 2019 be the main focus for the year.
- That they would meet with the Executive Members outside the Committee to look in depth at the portfolio priorities that feed into the corporate priorities and how these were being progressed.
- That they will receive the quarterly progress reports on the performance of the portfolios.
- That they will expect the Executive Members to come to the Committees and undertake pre-decision scrutiny where appropriate to help add value to the decision making process.

- That the Committee will look at issues raised by the portfolio holders that contribute to corporate priorities that arise during the year.

The Committee will meet in September and look at the progress to date on the corporate priorities and discussions that have taken place with the Executive Members.

Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee met on 24th June 2019 to look at their work programme for the year and to receive an update on the Councils new Blackburn.Gov.UK website and the ongoing implementation of the digital strategy.

The Committee received an update on the website which will be implemented in July. The Committee's views were being sought prior to the go-live and the changes being implemented. The changes to the Councils web site would be taking place as a soft launch and would bring improved functionality, accessibility and optimisation for use on smart phones and tablets. The Committee welcomed the update and the proposed changes to the Council web site. The future developments of the digital strategy and feedback from the changes as now outlined would be reported to the Committee throughout the year.

The Committee received a presentation on the work programme for the municipal year. Members discussed how they could scrutinise performance towards the corporate priorities. The Committee looked at ways that they could monitor these priorities and the data produced to identify progress. The Committee would feed into the review process and policy formation where they could and work with the Executive to deliver the priorities. The Committee agreed-

- That the corporate priorities as agreed at the Council Forum in March 2019 be the main focus for the year.
- That they will meet with the Executive Members outside the Committee to look in depth at the portfolio priorities that feed into the corporate priorities and how these were being progressed.
- That they wish to receive quarterly progress reports on the performance of the portfolios.
- That they will invite the Executive Members to attend Committees and undertake pre-decision scrutiny where appropriate to help add value to the decision making process.
- That the Committee will look at issues raised by the portfolio holders that contribute to corporate priorities that arise during the year.

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