
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 25th November, 2020

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Feedback from Scrutiny Committees

Purpose

1. To consider feedback on the work being undertaken by Scrutiny Committees.

Recommendation

2. That verbal reports from the Chairs/Vice-Chairs, together with any updates to the Annual Scrutiny Programme, be noted.

Background

3. During the 2018/19 municipal year, it was agreed that a standing item should be included on the agenda for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to allow feedback from each Scrutiny Committee.
4. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the final cycle of Scrutiny Committees scheduled between March and April, 2020 were cancelled due to lockdown requirements. However, the following Scrutiny Committee meetings have been held in the current Municipal Year:
 - Children's Services Scrutiny Committee
29th June, 9th September and 11th November, 2020
 - Corporate Scrutiny Committee
1st July, 17th September and 12th November, 2020
 - Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
10th June, 27th July, 3rd and 16th September, 15th October, 3rd and 16th November, 2020
 - Place Scrutiny Committee
9th July, 24th September and 19th November, 2020



5. Given the current Pandemic it was agreed that the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee undertake a review on the topic taking into account the Council's and partner's response. Additional meetings of the Committee were held to consider the issue and recommendations will be submitted to a meeting of the Cabinet in November followed by Council.
6. The reports and minutes of meetings are available on the [Council's website](#). The Chairs/Vice-Chairs are invited to give a verbal progress update on the work of each Scrutiny Committee.

Finance

7. The costs of operating the Council's scrutiny arrangements are contained within existing budgetary allocations.

Law

8. The Council's scrutiny arrangements are set out in Article 6 of the Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny) and the associated Scrutiny Procedure Rules are contained within Part 4 of the Constitution.

Equality Impact

9. Provision exists within the Council's scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

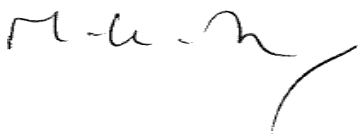
10. Overview and Scrutiny work is primarily administered within the resources available to the Democratic Services Team with support from Directorates and other Officers as required.

Commercial/Procurement

11. Individual items included in the Annual Scrutiny Programme may have commercial implications, which will be reported to the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

Health, Wellbeing and Safety

12. Reports to Scrutiny Committee will consider the impact on the health, wellbeing and safety of the Borough's citizens. This is consistent with building stronger, safer and more resilient communities in line with the Dudley Vision and to protect our residents' physical, and emotional health for the future.



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Background Documents

[The Council's Constitution](#)