

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2014/2015 - evaluation

During the 2014/15 Municipal Year, the **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee** held **6** meetings and met on the following dates – 16th July 2014, 16th October 2014, 20th November 2014 (special), 4th December 2014, 29th January 2015 and 16th April 2015.

During the year, Members undertook the following scrutiny work:-

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **2 call-in items** from Cabinet. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. At the July meeting **10 items** were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Cttee (due to there being insufficient time for call in period). At the special meeting on 20th November 2014, **1 item** was **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Cttee. All budget items were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting in January 2015 (**9 items**).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **1** pre Cabinet item (a) Universal Credit – 4th December 2014.

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Monthly Performance report – exceptions reports also considered.
- Minutes of the meetings of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on 4th November 2014 (reported to December meeting) and 30th March 2015 (reported to April meeting).
- Questions from members of the public – a question from a member of the public was taken at the meeting on 16th October 2014.

In-depth scrutiny project: *the Council's community leadership role in promoting safer communities* - topic agreed at meeting on 16th July 2014 (Minute 134 refers). Project plan agreed by project team and then the full Committee on 16th October 2014 (Minute 302 refers) and 29th January 2015 (minute 619 refers). Final report agreed at meeting on 14th April 2015 (Minute 822 refers).

Presentations & other matters considered:

- ◆ Work programme evaluation 2013/14 – 16th July 2014
- ◆ Policing update – Chief Superintendent Luke Collison and Southend District Commander Simon Anslow – 16th October 2014
- ◆ Report and update on SEAL – 16th April 2015

Items for 2015/16

- Presentation on housing function.
- Reports from Council nominee(s) from 4 specific outside bodies to October mtg & January 2016 mtg – Essex Police & Crime Panel; Essex Fire Authority, Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority, Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.
- Policing update.

Member briefing sessions

At the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum meeting in January 2014, Members discussed the format of member briefing sessions / presentation. The Forum resolved that copies of any handouts / presentation slides from Member briefings / presentations should be placed centrally on the Council's intranet so they can be easily accessible to all Members. There is now a dedicated page on the intranet see [here](#)

