

PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2014/2015 - evaluation

During the 2014/15 Municipal Year, the **People Scrutiny Committee** held **6** meetings and met on the following dates – 15th July 2014, 14th October 2014, 2nd December 2014, 28th January 2015, 26th March 2015 (special) and 14th April 2015.

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

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **7 call-in items** from Cabinet. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. At the July meeting, **4 items** were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Cttee (due to there being insufficient time for call in period) All budget items were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting in January 2015 (**5 items**).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **4** pre Cabinet items:

- 14th October 2014 – (a) Local Account of ASC 2013/14; (b) Outcome of consultation on permanent expansion of primary places in Southend.
- 2nd December 2014 - Annual Report on safeguarding.
- 28th January 2015 – Annual Public Health Report.

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Monthly Performance report – exceptions reports also considered.
- School Progress report.
- 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 –
 - the Executive Councillor for Children & Learning responded to 2 written questions from a member of the public at the meeting on 15th July 2014; 2 written question from a member of the public at the meeting on 28th January 2015; and 2 written questions from a member of the public at the meeting on 14th April 2015.
 - the Executive Councillor for Adult Social Care, Health & Housing responded to written questions from 2 members of the public at the meeting on 14th October 2014; and 2 written questions from a member of the public at the meeting on 14th April 2015.
 - the Executive Councillor for Community Development responded to a written question from a member of the public at the meeting on 2nd December 2014.

In-depth scrutiny project:

- ◆ In depth scrutiny project – *How the Council assist and excites individuals and community groups to achieve healthier lifestyles* – topic agreed at meeting on 15th July 2014 (Minute 113 refers). Project plan agreed at meeting on 14th October 2014 (Minute 291 refers). Updates to meeting on 2nd December 2014 (Minute 434 refers) and 28th January 2015 (Minute 602 refers). Final report considered at project team meeting in April 2015.

Agenda items considered:

- 14th July 2014 – (a) access to treatment and service restriction policy; (b) report on use of pupil premium funding; (c) Earls Hall Infant School & Junior School; work programme evaluation 2013/14.
- 14th October 2014 - (a) A&E performance; (b) Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment; (c) School Organisation Data; (d) Universal infant free school meals.
- 2nd December 2014 – Essex Primary Care Strategy.

Chairman's update Report:

- 14th July 2014 meeting – (a) outline of health scrutiny role; (b) update on protocols; (c) information on Quality Accounts; (d) information on co commissioning of primary care; (e) A&E services; (f) Healthwatch Southend Annual Report.
- 14th October 2014 meeting – (a) agreement to working protocols between scrutiny and CCG and Healthwatch Southend; (b) consideration of draft protocol with Health & Wellbeing Board; (c) information on complaints relating to GP access; (d) update on Pathology Joint Venture; (e) update on non congenital heart disease review; (f) agreement to participation in Essex Task & Finish Group on complaints handling process in acute trusts.
- 2nd December 2014 meeting – (a) info on NHS 5 year forward plan; (b) update on GP practice; (c) info from healthwatch Southend re GP health checks for people with learning disabilities; (d) update on Essex T&F group; (e) A&E performance data.
- 28th January 2015 meeting – (a) info on special dental service; (b) position re minor oral surgery; (c) potential change to specialised urological cancer surgery and appointment of Cllrs to potential Joint Cttee with Thurrock & Essex; (d) update on A&E performance.
- 14th April 2015 meeting – (a) info on Care Quality Commission & scrutiny; (b) update on tier 3 weight management service; (c) specialised urological cancer surgery and appointment of members to Joint Scrutiny Cttee with Essex & Thurrock; (d) update on the Essex Primary Care Strategy.

Member presentations – The CQC gave a presentation to Members on 1st October 2014*

Items for 2015/16

- Update on refreshed JSNA
- Briefing for members on the NHS England review of certain urological cancer services in Essex.
- Presentation from CQC
- Work of the Joint Scrutiny Committee with Essex & Thurrock – urological cancer surgery.
- St Luke's GP- led health centre
- Primary care in Shoebury
- Primary Care Strategy - 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](#)