

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2016/2017 - evaluation

During the 2016/17 Municipal Year, the **Place Scrutiny Committee** held **5** meetings and met on the following dates – 11th July 2016, 10th October 2016, 28th November 2016, 23rd January 2017, 12th April 2017.

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

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet and Cabinet Committee – the Scrutiny Committee considered **14 call-in items** from Cabinet and **3 call-in items** from Cabinet Committee. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. All items from Cabinet meeting in June 2016 were **referred direct** to scrutiny meeting in July - **13 items**. All the items from the Cabinet Committee meeting in June 2016 were also **referred direct** to the Scrutiny meeting in July - **4 items**. All budget items and items from January Cabinet meeting were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting in January 2017 (**4 budget items & 7 referred direct**). All the items from the January Cabinet Committee meeting were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting in January 2017 – **12 items**. **2** items from special Cabinet meeting held on 28th March were **referred direct** to the scrutiny meeting in April.

The following items were **referred up** by the Scrutiny Committee to Council for decision:

- Petition – Alcohol Free Zone Westcliff Library – 11th July 2016 (Minute 93 refers)
- SCAAP – 10th October 2016 (Minute 329 refers)
- General Market Provision – 23rd January 2017 (Minute 661 refers)
- Better Queensway – Process to Appoint a Preferred Project Partner – 12th April 2017 (Minute 951 refers)
- Revocation of Pier Cycling Bylaw – 12th April 2017 (Minute 952 refers)

Pre Cabinet items – the following items were considered by way of pre Cabinet Scrutiny in 2016/2017:

- Skills Development – 10th October 2016
- Growth Strategy – 28th November 2016

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Monthly Performance report – exceptions reports also considered.
- Minutes of the meeting of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on Tuesday 28th June 2016 - reported to July 2016 meeting (Minute 152 refers).
- **12** Questions from members of the public, responded to by the relevant Executive Councillors.

In-depth scrutiny project: *To investigate the case for additional enforcement resources for Southend* - Joint project with Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee. Topic agreed at meeting on 11th July 2016 (Minute 110 refers). Project plan agreed by project team and then the full Committee on 10th October 2016 (Minute 340 refers). Updates to meeting on 28th November 2016 (Minute 488 refers) and 23rd January 2017 (Minute 677 refers). Final report agreed at meeting on 10th April 2017 (Minute 953 refers).

Presentations & other matters considered:

- ◆ In depth scrutiny project 2015/16 – '20mph Speed Restrictions in Residential Streets' – final report agreed at meeting on 10th October 2016 (Minute 339 refers).
- ◆ Industrial Strategy Green Paper – consideration of the Council's proposed response to the 'Building our Industrial Strategy Green Paper - January 2017' at its meeting on 12th April 2017 (Minute 954 refers)

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](#)