

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2016/2017 - evaluation

During the 2016/17 Municipal Year, the **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee** held **5** meetings and met on the following dates – 14th July 2016, 13th October 2016, 1st December 2016, 25th January 2017, 12th April 2017.

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

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **10 call-in items** from Cabinet. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. All items from Cabinet meeting in June 2016 were referred direct to scrutiny meeting on 14th July 2016 - **11 items**. All budget items and items from January Cabinet meeting were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting on 25th January 2017 (**4 budget items & 4 referred direct**). **2** items from special Cabinet meeting held on 28th March were referred direct to scrutiny meeting on 12th April 2017.

Pre Cabinet items – there were no pre Cabinet items for this Scrutiny Cttee in 2016/2017.

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).
- **9** 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 Place Scrutiny Committee. Topic agreed at meeting on 14th July 2016 (Minute 153 refers). Project plan agreed by project team and then the full Committee on 13th October 2016 (Minute 373 refers). Updates to meeting on 1st December 2016 (Minute 513 refers) and 25th January 2017 (Minute 720 refers). Final report agreed at meeting on 12th April 2017 (Minute 979 refers).

Presentations & other matters considered:

- ◆ Work programme evaluation 2015/16 – 14th July 2016 (Minute 153 refers).
- ◆ In depth scrutiny project 2015/16 – '*Control of personal debt and the advantages of employment*' – final report agreed at meeting on 13th October 2016 (Minute 371 refers).
- ◆ Reports from Council nominee(s) from 4 specific outside bodies – Essex Police & Crime Panel; Essex Fire Authority, Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority, Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – 13th October 2016 (Minute 370) and 25th January 2017 (Minute 719 refers).
- ◆ Response to events in York Road – item requested by Cllr Gilbert – 1st December 2016 (Minute 513 refers).
- ◆ Paul Wells (LPA Commander), Scott Cannon (District Commander), Glen Pavelin and Bill Potter - briefing sessions on 23rd November 2016 and 13th March 2017 to answer questions on crime stats
- ◆ Consultation - Police & Fire & Rescue Collaboration Local Business Case – meeting on 12th April 2017. This was referred to Council for decision (Minute 973 refers).

Items for 2017/18

- Summary Reports
- Further quarterly briefings from Police on issues.

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](#)