

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2017/2018 - evaluation

During the 2017/18 Municipal Year, the **Place Scrutiny Committee** held **6** meetings and met on the following dates – 10th July 2017, 9th October 2017, 27th November 2017, 29th January 2018, 14th February 2018 (special meeting) and 9th April 2018.

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

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet and Cabinet Committee – the Scrutiny Committee considered **27 call-in items** from Cabinet and **1 call-in item** from Cabinet Committee. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. **3 budget items** and **1 other item (SCAAP)** from January Cabinet meeting were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting in January 2017. **2 items** from special Cabinet meeting held on 13th February 2018 were **referred direct** to the scrutiny meeting on 14th February 2018.

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

- In-depth Scrutiny Final Report – To investigate the case for additional; enforcement resources for Southend – 10th July 2017 (Minute 144 refers)
- Better Queensway – 14th February 2018 (Minute 749 refers)

Pre Cabinet items – the following item was considered by way of pre Cabinet Scrutiny in 2017/2018:

- Museums Disposal Policy – 10th July 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 20th June 2017 - reported to July 2017 meeting (Minute 169 refers).
- Minutes of the meeting of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on Monday 20th November 2017 – reported to November 2017 meeting (Minute 501 refers).
- **22** Questions from members of the public, responded to by the relevant Executive Councillors.

In-depth scrutiny project: *In-depth Scrutiny study: Maximising the use of technology through the Smart Cities and Digital Futures agendas.* Topic agreed at meeting on 10th July 2017 (Minute 151 refers). Project plan agreed by project team and then the full Committee on 9th October 2017 (Minute 361 refers). Updates to meeting on 27th November 2017 (Minute 502 refers), 29th January 2018 (Minute 680 refers) and 9th April 2018 (Minute 890 refers)

Presentations & other matters considered:

- ◆ In-depth Scrutiny Final Report – To investigate the case for additional; enforcement resources for Southend – 10th July 2017 (Minute 144 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](#)