

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme 2019/20 - Evaluation

During the 2019/20 municipal year, the **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee** held **4** meetings and met on the following dates – 11th July 2019, 10th October 2019, 28th November 2019 and 30th January 2020. The meetings scheduled to be held on 18th March 2020 and 25th March 2020 (special meeting) were cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Call-in/references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **6 called-in items** from Cabinet. No items were called in from the Forward Plan.

A revised timeline for the Southend 2050 Five Year Road Map was referred directly to each of the three scrutiny committees by the Cabinet during July 2019. During the year, matters were also directly referred to each of the scrutiny committees by the Cabinet, including the year-end performance report for 2018/19 and performance framework for 2019/20; the corporate risk register for 2019/20; the capital outturn for 2018/19; annual comments, compliments and complaints statistics; the Southend 2050 outcome success measures for 2019/20; and the town centre and seafront Public Spaces Protection Order.

All items from the Cabinet meetings held on 25th June 2019 and 16th January 2020 were referred direct to the Scrutiny Committee on 11th July 2020 and 30th January 2020 respectively. **Two items** were called-in and **one item was referred** direct from Cabinet on 25th February 2020 to the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 18th March 2020, which was cancelled as a result of COVID-19. These called-in items were considered by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 9th July 2020.

The following Cabinet items were referred to Council by the Scrutiny Committee to consider:

- Traveller incursions in the Borough – 11th July 2019 (Minute 190 refers)

No items were referred back by the Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet for reconsideration.

Pre-Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **no** pre-Cabinet items during the year.

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:-

- Performance reporting via the Southend 2050 Outcomes Success Measures report
- Minutes of the meeting of the Chair's Scrutiny Forum held on Tuesday 18th June, 2019 (Minute 203 refers)
- **7** Questions from members of the public, responded to by the relevant Executive Councillors

In-Depth Scrutiny Project: - 'How the Council and Councillors communicate with local people and stakeholders' – Topic agreed at meeting on 11 July 2019 (Minute 201 refers). Project plan agreed at meeting on 10th October 2019 (Minute 411 refers). The completion of the in-depth scrutiny project has been carried forward into the 2020/21 municipal year as a result of reduced officer capacity and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. No further topics have been selected by the Scrutiny Committee for additional in-depth review during 2020/21.

Presentations & other matters considered:

- Work programme evaluation 2018/19 – 11th July 2019 (Minute 201 refers)
- Statutory Scrutiny Guidance – 11th July 2019 (Minute 202 refers)