

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22 - EVALUATION

During the 2021/22 municipal year, the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held 7 meetings and met on the following dates: 15 June 2021 (Special Meeting), 8 July 2021, 2 September 2021, 7 October 2021, 1 December 2021, 10 February 2022 and 16 March 2022.

During the year, the Committee undertook the following scrutiny work:

Call-In/References from Cabinet

The Committee considered 16 reports that were called-in from the Cabinet or referred directly by the Cabinet for scrutiny. No items were called-in from the Forward Plan. During the year the draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget for 2022/23 to 2026/27 was referred directly to each of the scrutiny committees by the Cabinet for review, as was the annual Comments, Complaints and Compliments report for 2020/21, the review of the Corporate Risk Register and the annual review and refresh of the Southend 2050 outcomes and roadmap milestones. An update on the action being taken by the Council in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support local residents and businesses, was also referred directly to each of the scrutiny committees by the Cabinet.

The Committee referred 6 matters up to the Council for consideration in accordance with Procedure Rule 39 during the year.

The Committee referred 1 matter back to the Cabinet for reconsideration during the year.

Pre-Cabinet Items

The Committee considered no pre-Cabinet items during the year.

Scheduled Items (each meeting as appropriate)

- A total of 4 questions received from members of the public were responded to by the relevant Cabinet Member.
- Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) - Minutes of meetings of the ASELA Joint Committee (Minutes 514 and 803)
- Joint In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2021/22 - Progress Report (each meeting).

In-Depth Scrutiny Project

A joint in-depth scrutiny project was undertaken on behalf of the People Scrutiny Committee, the Place Scrutiny Committee and the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for 2021//22 on the theme of 'Enabling Councillors to be Effective,' which was agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 8 July 2021 (Minute 134). A project plan and work programme for the in-depth scrutiny project were agreed at the meeting on 7 October 2021 (Minute 401). No additional topics were selected by the Committee for in-depth scrutiny activity during 2021/22.

The report and recommendations arising from the in-depth scrutiny project were to be considered at the first cycle of meetings of the scrutiny committees for 2022/23 and, subject to their agreement, subsequently by the Cabinet.

Other Matters

- Joint In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2020/21 – Report and recommendations (Minute 133).
- Summary of Work 2020/21 and In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2021/22 (Minute 134)