

## **PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME EVALUATION - 2022/23**

During the 2022/23 municipal year, the People Scrutiny Committee held **6** meetings and met on the following dates: 6 July 2022, 31 August 2022, 11 October 2022, 29 November 2022, 31 January 2023 and 14 March 2023. No special meetings of the Committee were held during the year.

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

### **(a) Call-In/References from Cabinet**

The Committee considered **12** reports that were called-in (7) from the Cabinet or referred directly (5) by the Cabinet for scrutiny. During the year, the Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn for 2021/22 against the Delivery of the Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities, was called in to each of the scrutiny committees. In addition, the Finance and Corporate Performance Report for Period 4 of 2022/23 was referred directly to each of the scrutiny committees by the Cabinet, as was the annual review of the Corporate Risk Register.

Of the reports that were called-in from the Cabinet or referred directly by the Cabinet for scrutiny:

- The Committee referred **1** item back to the Cabinet for reconsideration during the year.
- The Committee referred **1** matter up to the Council for consideration in accordance with Procedure Rule 39 during the year.

### **(b) Forward Plan**

The Committee considered **no** items called-in from the Cabinet forward plan during the year.

### **(c) Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny**

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

The Council has agreed the introduction of pre-Cabinet scrutiny arrangements across the scrutiny function from the commencement of the 2023/24 municipal year.

### **(d) Scheduled Items**

During the year, the following scheduled matters were considered at each meeting of the Committee (as appropriate):

- A total of **17** questions received from members of the public were responded to by the relevant Cabinet Members.
- Passenger Transport Services - A monitoring report on the performance of the Vecteo Joint Venture Company established for the provision of passenger transport services was made to each meeting.
- In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2022/23 - A verbal update on the progress of the project was made to each meeting by the Chair of the Project Team.

### **In-Depth Scrutiny Project**

An in-depth scrutiny project was undertaken on behalf of the Committee for 2022//23 on the theme of 'Providing First-Class Services for Families of Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities,' which was agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 6 July 2022 (Minute 106). A project plan and work programme for the in-depth scrutiny project were agreed at the meeting on 11 October 2022 (Minute 357). No additional topics were selected by the Committee for in-depth scrutiny activity during 2022/23.

The final report and recommendations arising from the in-depth scrutiny project are to be considered by at the meeting of the Committee on 4 July 2023 and, subject to the agreement of the report and recommendations, will then subsequently be considered by the Cabinet.

### **Health Overview and Scrutiny**

The People Scrutiny Committee fulfils the role of the statutory Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) for Southend-on-Sea and scrutinises the provision of healthcare services by local National Health Service organisations.

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

- East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust - Shoeburyness Ambulance Station (6 July 2022 (Minute 104) and 31 January 2023 (Minute 654)).
- Community In-Patient Beds (11 October 2022 (Minute 347)).
- Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System - Service Harmonisation (29 November 2022 (Minute 517) and 14 March 2023 (Minute 767)).
- Essex Partnership University NHS Trust (11 October 2022 (Minute 347) and 31 January 2023 (Minute 653)).
- Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid and South Essex (14 March 2023 (Minute 766)).

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust held regular briefings for councillors throughout year, on its operational and estates projects. All members were invited to attend the briefings.

### **Other Matters**

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

- Consideration of the final report and recommendations arising from the Joint In-Depth Scrutiny Project for 2022/23 (6 July 2022 (Minute 106) and 31 August 2022 (Minute 255)).
- Consideration of the summary of work for 2021/22 and the proposed In-Depth Scrutiny Project for 2022/23 (6 July 2022 (Minute 107)).
- Presentation in respect of the Community First Responder Volunteer Programme (11 October 2022 (Minute 354)).
- Update on progress against the action plan arising from the Local Government Association SEND Peer Review undertaken in 2021 (11 October 2022 (Minute 355)).

- Update on the work of the Children's Services Improvement Board (29 November 2022 (Minute 518)).