

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2015/2016 - evaluation

During the 2015/16 Municipal Year, the **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee** held **5** meetings and met on the following dates – 16th July 2015, 15th October 2015, 3rd December 2015, 28th January 2016 and 14th April 2016

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

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **24 call-in items** from Cabinet. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. All budget items (plus one other item) were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting in January 2016 (**5 budget items**).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **1** pre Cabinet item (a) Corporate asset management strategy – 16th July 2015.

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Monthly Performance report – exceptions reports also considered.
- Minutes of the meetings of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on 8th September 2015 - reported to October 2015 meeting (Minute 345 refers)
- Questions from members of the public – a question from a member of the public at the meeting on 15th October 2015, 2 questions from members of the public at meeting on 3rd December 2015; 2 questions from members of the public at meeting on 14th April 2016.

In-depth scrutiny project: *Control of personal debt and the advantages of employment* - topic agreed at meeting on 16th July 2015 (Minute 158 refers). Project plan agreed by project team and then the full Committee on 15th October 2015 (Minute 346 refers). Updates to meeting on 3rd December 2015 (Minute 473 refers) and 28th January 2016 (minute 622 refers). Final report will now be considered in next Municipal Year.

Presentations & other matters considered:

- ◆ Work programme evaluation 2013/14 – 16th July 2015 (Minute 158 refers)
- ◆ Presentation on Council's housing responsibilities – 16th July 2015
- ◆ SEH – activities across sheltered housing network – 15th October 2015
- ◆ Chief Superintendent Luke Collison and Southend District Commander Simon Anslow – attended meeting on 3rd December 2015 to answer questions on crime stats
- ◆ Reports from Council nominee(s) from 4 specific outside bodies to October mtg & January 2016 mtg – Essex Police & Crime Panel; Essex Fire Authority, Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority, Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – 15th October 2015 (Minute 344 refers) and 28th January 2016 (Minute 621 refers)
- ◆ Presentation from England Illegal Money Lending Team – 5th January 2016
- ◆ Review of sheltered housing - item requested by Cllr Flewitt – 28th January 2016

Items for 2016/17

- Policing update.

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](#)