

PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2015/2016 - evaluation

During the 2015/16 Municipal Year, the **People Scrutiny Committee** held **6** meetings and met on the following dates – 14th July 2015, 7th September 2015 (special mtg), 13th October 2015, 1st December 2015, 26th January 2016 and 12th April 2016.

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

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **14 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 (**3 budget items**).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **3** pre Cabinet items:

- 13th October 2015 – (a) Local Account of ASC 2014/15; (b) Smoke Free Southend: A strategy to tackle smoking in Southend-on-Sea 2015- 2018
- 12th April 2016 (a) Southend Physical Activity Strategy

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Monthly Performance report – exceptions reports also considered.
- Schools Progress report.
- Minutes of the meetings of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on 8th September 2015 - reported to October 2015 meeting (Minute 325 refers)
- Questions from members of the public –
 - the Executive Councillor for Health & Adult Social Care responded to 2 written questions from a member of the public at the meeting on 14th July 2015; 3 written questions from members of the public at the special meeting on 7th September 2015; a written question from a member of the public at the meeting on 13th October 2015; 2 written questions from members of the public at the meeting on 12th April 2016.
 - The Executive Councillor for Children & Learning responded to a written question from a member of the public at the meeting on 13th October 2015; responded to a written question from a member of the public at the meeting on 1st December 2015; responded to a written question from a member of the public at the meeting on 12th April 2016.

In-depth scrutiny project *Transition arrangements from children's to adult life* - topic agreed at meeting on 14th July 2015 (Minute 138 refers). Project plan agreed at meeting on 13th October 2015 (Minute 326 refers). Updates to meeting on 1st December 2015 (Minute 445 refers) and 26th January 2016 (Minute 604 refers). Final report agreed at meeting on 12th April 2016 (Minute 779 refers).

Agenda items considered:

- 14th July 2015 – (a) update on the Southend JSNA; (b) agreed the draft scrutiny report – how the Council assists and excites individuals and community groups to achieve healthier lifestyles; (c) work programme evaluation 2014/15.
- Special meeting 7th September 2015 – (a) health services in Shoebury; (b) primary care in St Luke's GP health centre and response to consultation; (c) update on primary care strategy.
- 13th October 2015 – (a) presentation – Turning Tides; (b) School organisation data.
- 1st December 2015 - Briefing paper on multi-academy Trusts and Academies.
- 26th January 2016 - update on Urgent Care Services review.
- 12th April 2016 – update from Cllr Crystall re Southend University Hospital Trust.

Chairman's Update Report:

- 14th July 2015 meeting – (a) update on the Joint Cttee to review specialised urological cancer surgery proposals; (b) constitutional changes; (c) approach re Quality Accounts; information on The Practice Northumberland Avenue. (Health scrutiny briefing circulated on 1st June 2015).
- 13th October 2015 (a) update on the Joint Cttee to review specialised urological cancer surgery proposals; (b) information re closer working between SEPT/ NEP; (c) CAMHS new provider is NELFT; (d) proposals by NHS England to move PET CT scanner service to existing fixed scanner at Southend Hospital.
- 1st December 2015 – (a) update on the Joint Cttee to review specialised urological cancer surgery proposals and membership of Joint Cttee; (b) update on PET-CT scanner; (c) school admission - information on sibling admission criteria; (d) information on community dental services in Essex.
- 12th April 2016 – (a) update on the Joint Cttee to review specialised urological cancer surgery proposals; (b) proposals by NHS England re PET CT scanner service & appointment of 2 Cllrs to sit on a Joint Cttee with Essex & Thurrock; (c) update on plans by NHS Southend CCG re gluten free foods; (d) LSCB / SAB Scrutiny Panel; (e) information on Success Regime; (f) approach for dealing with Quality Accounts from SEPT and Southend Hospital.

Member presentations

- Emotional wellbeing & mental health service - NELFT - 14th January 2016.
- Child Sexual Exploitation – 25th November 2016.
- Safeguarding – presentation by independent Chair, Christine Doorly – 5th April 2016.

Items for 2016/17

- Success Regime
- Work of the Joint Scrutiny Committee with Essex & Thurrock – urological cancer surgery
- Joint Committee – PET – CT scanner

****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](#)