

COUNCIL

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REPORT ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITY

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Summary

This report provides a summary of the work of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees since the last report to Council on 21 July 2016.

1. Policy and Budget Framework

1.1 The Council's Constitution provides for the activities of Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committees to be reported to Council meetings. The following is a high level summary of business conducted. For further detail please refer to the minutes of each Committee which are published on the Council's website using the web links under each section.

2. Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2.1 25 August 2016

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=3386>

2.1.1 **Report title: Universal Credit and Welfare Reforms – 6 Monthly Progress Report**

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to note the revised action plan at Appendix 1 to the report and also the progress made to date.

2.1.2 Report Title: Government Consultation: 100% Business Rates Retention

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to recommend to Cabinet a proposed response to the consultation, and ask Cabinet to consider the Committee's comments when agreeing the final response to Government.

Outcome of Cabinet Discussion

The Cabinet on 6 September 2016 noted the comments of the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee and approved the Council's response to the consultation "Self-Sufficient Local Government: 100% Business Rates Retention" as was set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

Decision Number:

108/2016

2.1.3 Report title: Revenue Budget Monitoring 2016/17 – Quarter 1

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to note the result of the first round of revenue monitoring for 2016/17 and also the forecast position and proposed management action set out in the report.

Outcome of Cabinet Discussion

The Cabinet on 9 August 2016 noted the result of the first round of revenue monitoring for 2016/17 and agreed the forecast position and proposed management action.

Decision Number:

101/2016

2.1.4 Report title: Capital Budget Monitoring 2016/17 – Quarter 1

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to:

a) note the forecasts and the new schemes identified in paragraph 4.2 of the report, and;

b) note that Cabinet agreed the virement at paragraph 4.1 of the report and recommended to Council the new schemes funded from developer contributions at paragraph 4.3.

Outcome of Cabinet Discussion

The Cabinet on 9 August 2016 noted the forecasts and the new schemes entering the programme identified in paragraph 4.2 of the report. The Cabinet also agreed the virement requested at paragraph 4.1 of the report and agreed to recommend to Council the new schemes funded from developer contributions, in paragraph 4.3 of the report.

Decision Number:

102/2016

2.1.5 Report title: Update on Responsible Gambling

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to note the report.

2.1.6 Report title: Work Programme

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to:

- a) note the current work programme (Appendix 1 to the report);
- b) agree the changes to the current work programme as set out in paragraph 3 of the report;
- c) note the work programmes of all overview and scrutiny committees (Appendix 2 to the report, and;
- d) hold a special meeting in early January to consider the outcome of the business rate relief consultation.

3. Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

3.1 1 September 2016

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MIId=3393>

3.1.1 **Report title** **Special Education Needs and Inclusion Strategy 2016-2020**

Outcome:

The Committee recommended the Cabinet to;

- 1) Approve the draft Medway Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Strategy 2016-2020, and;
- 2) Note the need for funding to implement the Strategy.

Outcome of the Cabinet Discussion

The Cabinet on 27 September 2016 noted the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in section 7 of the report. The Cabinet also approved the Medway Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Strategy, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

Decision Number:

113/2016

- 3.1.2 **Report title** **Complaints and Compliments Annual Report (April 2015 – March 2016)**

Outcome: The Committee noted the report.

- 3.1.3 **Report title** **Petitions**

Outcome: The Committee noted the report.

- 3.1.4 **Report title** **Council Plan End of Year Quarter 4 2015/16 Performance Monitoring Report**

Outcome: The Committee noted the report.

- 3.1.5 **Report title** **Work Programme**

Outcome: The Committee agreed its work programme, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to adding the Youth Justice Plan to 6 October 2016 meeting and the Sufficiency Report to 6 December 2016 meeting.

- 3.2 **6 October 2016**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MIId=3394>

- 3.2.1 **Report title:** **Medway Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015-16**

- 3.2.2 **Report title:** **Development of a Regional Adoption Agency**

- 3.2.3 **Report title:** **Annual Update on Children's Social Care Services**

- 3.2.4 **Report title:** **Young Person's Wellbeing Service – Service model and High Level Specification**

- 3.2.5 **Report title:** **Short breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities and the Local Offer**

- 3.2.6 **Report title:** **Council Plan Quarter 1 2016/17 Performance Monitoring report**

3.2.7 **Report title: Work programme**

The above reports will be considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 6 October 2016 and are listed here to enable the Council to discuss any issues arising at this meeting. However it will not be possible to finalise and publish the minutes of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 6 October in time for the Council meeting on 13 October.

4. Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 23 August 2016

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=131&MIId=3399>

4.1.1 **Report title: Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan**

Outcome:

The Committee noted the report and presentation provided and asked for a further progress report to be provided to the Committee in six months.

4.1.2 **Report title: NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group Five Year Strategy 2016-2021 and Operating Plan 2016-17**

Outcome:

The Committee;

a) noted the content of the NHS Medway CCG Operating Plan 2016/17 and the presentation and provided comments to the CCG;

b) agreed that future updates on the Strategy and Operating Plan would be provided to the Committee with the CCG Accountable Officer and the Interim Director of Children and Adult Services to discuss the frequency and content of updates;

c) requested that briefing notes should be provided on specific items of interest, as agreed by the Committee.

4.1.3 Report title: North Kent Urgent Care Redesign

Outcome:

The Committee;

a) noted the update provided in relation to urgent care and the procurement of an integrated model of urgent care, with a further update, including timescales, to be brought to the Committee in early 2017;

b) noted and commented on the minor changes that would be introduced through the pilot of a primary care led front door model within Medway Foundation Trust over the course of the next six months, to inform the wider procurement of an integrated model of urgent care from 1 April 2018.

4.1.4 Report title: Acute Mental Health Inpatient Bed Review Update

Outcome:

The Committee;

a) noted the content of the report;

b) supported the ongoing work outlined in Appendix 1 to the report and agreed that a report on progress be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee;

c) noted the decision of Medway's Health and Wellbeing Board to explore the scope for an integrated approach toward mental health and that a workshop event had been arranged to take place on 12 October 2016.

4.1.5 Report title: All Age Eating Disorder Service in Kent and Medway

Outcome:

The Committee agreed that the proposal did not represent a substantial development of, or variation to, the health service across Kent and Medway.

4.1.6 Report title: Adult Social Care Dementia Review

Outcome:

The Committee:

a) agreed to support the proposal that the next steps of the Dementia Review should focus on a 'Test for Change' exercise located in Rainham Health Centre in Medway. This would represent Phase 1 of a longer planned programme of work;

b) noted that the learning from the exercise would lead to and shape the development of a whole system recommissioning plan for Medway, enabling full redesign by 2020;

c) noted that Members have the opportunity to influence the development of future service design via the forthcoming Task Group;

d) noted that the comments made by the Committee and subsequently by the Health and Wellbeing Board (upon presentation of the report on 13 September 2016) would be provided for comment and approval via the appropriate CCG governance arrangements.

4.1.7 Report title: Adult Social Care Complaints and Compliments Reports 2015-16

Outcome:

The Committee noted the report.

4.1.8 Report Title: Work Programme

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to:

a) note the current work programme attached as Appendix 1 to the report;

b) agree the following additions to the Committee's work programme:

i) an update on telecare provision;

ii) an update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5. Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5.1 18 August 2016

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=3531>

5.1.1 Report title: Presentation by the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (KEIFCA)

Outcome:

The Committee thanked the representatives from KEIFCA and the Rochester Oyster Floating Fisheries (ROFF) for attending the meeting, their excellent work on raising the profile of the river and giving a presentation on the closure of part of the estuary from fishing activities as a 'no take zone' to protect juvenile fish and agreed that;

- a) the presentation from KEIFCA be noted;
- b) the Committee receive a further briefing from the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority on the project in 12 months;
- c) a copy of the report referred to by the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority be supplied and circulated to Members of the Committee.

5.1.2 Report title: Attendance by the Portfolio Holder for Frontline Services

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to:

- a) thank the Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services for attending the meeting and answering questions;
- b) note that the Portfolio Holder will supply to the Member concerned a more detailed breakdown of information on parking enforcement;
- c) note that an updated street cleansing rota for each Ward will be distributed to Ward Members;
- d) note that information will be supplied on the percentage of European Parking Collections (EPC) which had been due to be paid to the Council;
- e) note that the Democratic Services Officer will supply to the Member concerned, information as to the eligibility criteria for Disabled Parking Bays.

5.1.3 Report title: Petitions

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to;

- a) note the petition responses and appropriate officer actions in the paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report;
- b) note the updated information as to the requests for petitions to be referred to this Committee on 25 October 2016.

5.1.4 Report title: Work Programme

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to note the current Work Programme.

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Appendices

None

Background papers

None