

## 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 13 October 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 27 October 2016

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=3387&Ver=4>

2.1.1 **Report title: 6 Monthly Review of the Council's Corporate Risk Register and Annual Review of the Strategic Risk Framework**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee noted the report and forwarded to Cabinet the comments made in respect of Risk SR26 (Children's Social Care), Risk SR03b (Finances), Risk SR25 (Adult Social Care Transformation) and the suggested new risk regarding the shape of local government in Kent.

#### **Outcome of Cabinet Discussion:**

The Cabinet on 22 November 2016 noted the comments of the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Cabinet also approved the amendments to the Council's Risk Register (suggested in Appendix A and B of the Cabinet report) and approved the Strategic Risk Framework (found in Appendix D of the Cabinet report).

2.1.2 **Report title: Council Plan Quarter 1 2016/2017 Performance Monitoring Report**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the report;
- b) Noted that a briefing will be provided to Members on the investigation of new financial models to encourage the delivery of homes and release of Council owned sites;
- c) Noted that, in relation to Project 7.1 (Preventing homelessness), a breakdown will be provided of the 170 households who had been assisted in the first quarter of 2016/17 and what types of intervention had taken place;
- d) Noted that officers will look at how some of the wider social and economic issues raised by Members could be reflected in the KPIs as part of the refresh of the Council Plan in 2017;
- e) Noted that the Assistant Director Physical and Cultural Regeneration will clarify the current position regarding the Fuse Festival.

2.1.3 **Report title: Member's Item – Council Land at Hall Wood and Hook Wood, Lordswood**

**Outcome:**

The Committee recommended to Cabinet that, given there are no current plans or prospect of the development or disposal of the Hall Wood and Hook Wood sites, the Council look at this from a strategic perspective and carry out a review of all of its significant open spaces to consider their future designations and how these can be maintained into the future.

**Outcome of Cabinet Discussion:**

The Cabinet on 22 November 2016 instructed officers to carry out a strategic review of all of its significant open spaces with the scope and priority of the review to be developed by the Chief Legal Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services, to consider their future designations and how these can be maintained into the future and to report back to Cabinet in due course. The Cabinet also instructed the Director of Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation to apply to designate the Hall Wood and Hook Wood areas as a Village Green, as set out in paragraph 8.2 of the (Cabinet) report.

2.1.4 **Report title: Work Programme**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the current work programme as was set out in Appendix 1 of the (Committee) report;

- b) Agreed the changes to the current work programme as was set out in paragraph 3 of the (Committee) report;
- c) Noted the work programmes of all overview and scrutiny committees.

## **2.2 1 December 2016**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MIId=3388&Ver=4>

### **2.2.1 Report title: Update on Medway Norse**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee agreed to note the report.

#### **Outcome of Cabinet discussion:**

The Cabinet noted the report.

### **2.2.2 Report title: Council Plan Performance Monitoring Quarter 2 2016/17 Performance Monitoring Report**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) agreed to note the quarter 2 2016/17 performance against the Key Measures of Success used to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2016/17, and;
- b) referred the complaint relating to a safeguarding adults matter upheld by the Local Government Ombudsman to the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **2.2.3 Report title: Capital Budget Monitoring 2016/17 Quarter 2**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee agreed to note the spending forecasts summarised in Table 1 and also that Cabinet has recommended to Council the addition to the programme outlined at paragraph 4.4 of the (Committee) report.

### **2.2.4 Report title: Revenue Budget Monitoring 2016/17 Quarter 2**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) agreed to note the forecasts reported in the second round of revenue monitoring for 2016/2017, and;

- b) agreed to note that Cabinet has instructed officers to identify further management action to ensure a breakdown position is achieved by year end.

**2.2.5 Report title: Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2017/18**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) agreed to note that Cabinet has instructed officers to continue to work with Portfolio Holders in formulating robust proposals to balance the budget for 2017/18 and beyond;
- b) agreed to note the proposals outlined in the draft capital and revenue budgets and forward the proposals to the individual overview and scrutiny committees;
- c) recommended to Cabinet that, for future years, information be provided to Overview and Scrutiny Committees as part of the process for scrutinising the draft budget so that Members are able to review and understand the range of available options to achieve a balanced budget, and;
- d) asked for further information about the £3.645m difference between the 2017/18 Public Health Grant and 2017/18 draft Public Health Grant budget.

**2.2.6 Report title: Housing Strategy Annual Review**

**Outcome:**

The Committee agreed to note the progress against the aims of the Housing Strategy.

**2.2.7 Report title: Work Programme**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) noted the current work programme (Appendix 1 to the (Committee) report);
- b) agreed the changes to the current work programme, as set out in paragraph 3 of the (Committee) report;
- c) noted the work programmes of all overview and scrutiny committees (Appendix 2 to the (Committee) report).

## 2.3 **5 January 2017**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=3588&Ver=4>

### 2.3.1 **Report title: Business Rate Relief**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee considered the report and the consultation that had taken place and referred Committee members' comments to the Cabinet for consideration on 17 January 2017.

#### **Outcome of Cabinet discussion:**

The Cabinet on 17 January 2017 noted the outcomes of the consultation requested by Cabinet and the analysis of the consultation as set out in paragraph 7 of the (Cabinet) report and Appendix 4 to the (Cabinet) report and the comments of the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the additional information as set out in the Addendum (Cabinet) Report.

The Cabinet agreed the implementation of Option 2, as set out in paragraph 4.1.2 of the (Cabinet) report.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Legal Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business Management, to undertake a review of the relevant legislation and existing Council policies and processes for reviews of decisions on Discretionary Rate Relief taken by officers to ensure that suitable arrangements are in place from 1 April 2017 and, subject to the advice of the Chief Legal Officer following this piece of work, that the Discretionary Rate Relief (and other reliefs specified in paragraph 5.4 of the (Cabinet) report) decision making arrangements should conclude with a final review by the Chief Finance Officer.

### 2.3.2 **Report title: Shared Legal Service Between Gravesham Borough Council and Medway Council**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee recommended to Cabinet that:

1. a) Cabinet recommend to the Leader of the Council that option two set out in paragraph 4.2 of the (Committee) report is agreed whereby Medway Council shall assume responsibility for the discharge of Gravesham Borough Council's Legal Services functions as permitted under the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions)(England) Regulations 2012 which provide for the executive of one local authority to arrange for a function for which it is responsible to be discharged by the executive of another local authority'.

- b) Cabinet recommend to Full Council to accept the delegation by Gravesham Borough Council of its Legal Services functions to Medway Council.
  - c) Cabinet agree to delegate authority to the Chief Legal Officer of Medway Council to enter into a legally binding contract between both local authorities setting out the detail of the arrangements for a fully shared Legal Services.
  - d) Cabinet agree to delegate authority to Medway's Chief Legal Officer to assume responsibility for the management and delivery of legal services for Gravesham Borough Council jointly with the services provided for Medway Council and for this to be reflected in the Council's Scheme of Delegation.
2. The Committee noted that the report to Cabinet on 17 January 2017 would include the following recommendation for the Leader:
- a) The Leader of Medway Council to agree to assume responsibility for the discharge of Gravesham Borough Council's Legal Services functions as permitted under the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions)(England) Regulations 2012 which provide for the executive of one local authority to arrange for a function for which it is responsible to be discharged by the executive of another local authority

**Outcome of Cabinet discussion:**

On 17 January 2017 the Cabinet noted the comments of the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Cabinet recommended to the Leader of the Council that option two set out in paragraph 4.2 of the (Cabinet) report be agreed whereby Medway Council shall assume responsibility for the discharge of Gravesham Borough Council's Legal Services functions as permitted under the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions)(England) Regulations 2012 which provide for the executive of one local authority to arrange for a function for which it is responsible to be discharged by the Executive of another local authority.

The Cabinet recommended to Full Council to accept the delegation by Gravesham Borough Council of its Legal Services functions to Medway Council.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Legal Officer of Medway Council to enter into a legally binding contract between both local authorities setting out the detail of the arrangements for a fully shared Legal Services.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to Medway's Chief Legal Officer to assume responsibility for the management and delivery of legal services for Gravesham Borough Council jointly with the services provided for Medway Council and for this to be reflected in the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

The Leader of the Council agreed to assume responsibility for the discharge of Gravesham Borough Council's Legal Services functions as permitted under the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions)(England) Regulations 2012 which provide for the executive of one local authority to arrange for a function for which it is responsible to be discharged by the executive of another local authority.

### **3. Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

#### **3.1 6 December 2016**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MId=3395&Ver=4>

##### **3.1.1 Report title: School Admission Arrangements**

###### **Outcome:**

The Committee recommended the proposed admission arrangements and schemes for 2018 to the Cabinet for approval.

###### **Outcome of Cabinet discussion:**

The Cabinet, on 17 January 2017, noted the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and approved the proposed 2018 schools admissions arrangements and schemes as set out in Appendix 1 to the (Cabinet) report.

##### **3.1.2 Report title Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2017-18**

###### **Outcome:**

The Committee noted that Cabinet had instructed officers to continue to work with Portfolio Holders in formulating robust proposals to balance the budget for 2017/18 and beyond.

##### **3.1.3 Report title: Sufficiency Report 2016/17**

###### **Outcome:**

The Committee recommended the Sufficiency Report 2016-17, as set out at Appendix A to the (Committee) report, to the Cabinet for approval.

###### **Outcome of Cabinet discussion:**

The Cabinet, on 20 December 2016, noted the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and noted the updated Medway Sufficiency Report 2016/2017 as set out in Appendix A to the (Cabinet) report.

3.1.4 **Report title: Re-commissioning of Medway Child Health Services**

**Outcome:**

The Committee determined that the recommissioning of Medway Child Health Services was a substantial variation.

**Outcome of Cabinet discussion:**

On 20 December 2016 the Cabinet approved the commencement of the procurement of a new integrated Medway Child Health Service as set out in paragraph 1.2.3 of the (Cabinet) report and on the basis set out in paragraph 4.2.1 of the (Cabinet) report.

3.1.5 **Report title: Short Breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities and the Local Offer**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted the report and recommended that further work be done to integrate the short breaks work with the overnight respite review to create an integrated strategy for short breaks, incorporating residential and non-residential provision.

3.1.6 **Report title Council Plan Quarter 2 2016/17 Performance Monitoring Report**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted the report.

3.1.7 **Report title: Work Programme**

**Outcome:**

The Committee agreed its work programme, as set out at Appendix 1 to the (Committee) report, subject to:

- Programming the Youth Offending Team (YOT) Plan for the January meeting of the Committee;
- Removing the Community Children's Nursing Service from the work programme.

**3.2 19 January 2017**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MId=3396&Ver=4>

3.2.1 **Report title: Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services**

3.2.2 **Report title: CALL-IN: Future of the Medway Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**



- 3.2.3 **Report title:** **CALL-IN: Future Integrated Youth Support Services Delivery**
- 3.2.4 **Report title:** **Youth Offending Team Strategic Plan 2016-17**
- 3.2.5 **Report title:** **Update regarding Medway's Adoption Agency**
- 3.2.6 **Report title:** **Work programme**

The above reports will be considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 19 January 2017 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 19 January 2017 in time for the Council meeting on 26 January 2017.

#### **4. Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

##### **4.1 15 November 2016**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=3400>

- 4.1.1 **Report title:** **Hospital Discharge Pathway 1: Home First - Update on the Six Month Pilot Scheme**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted the update provided in the report and agreed that an update in relation to the intermediate care pathway should be presented to the Committee in three months' time.

- 4.1.2 **Report title:** **Scrutiny of South East Ambulance Trust**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Considered and commented on the update provided in relation to South East Coast Ambulance Trust's (SECAMB) inspection findings.
- b) Agreed that SECAMB be asked to attend the Committee to provide an update in a further six months.

- 4.1.3 **Report title:** **Development of GP Services in Medway**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Commented on the report provided and on the implications and issues raised relation to Medway.

- b) Recommended that Cabinet notes the risks that falling GP numbers will present to Medway residents and the implications for Adult Social Care.

**Outcome of Cabinet discussion:**

On 17 January 2017, the Cabinet noted the recommendations from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the risks that falling GP numbers will present to Medway residents and the implications for Adult Social Care.

The Cabinet agreed to refer the matter to the Health and Wellbeing Board for further consideration.

**4.1.4 Report title: Update on Medway NHS Foundation Trust**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted the report and commented on the progress made by Medway NHS Foundation Trust.

**4.1.5 Report title: KMPT Mental Health Update**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the content of the report and provided the comments above.
- b) Agreed to recommend that Cabinet emphasises to the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner the importance of street triage.

**Outcome of Cabinet discussion:**

On 17 January 2017, the Cabinet noted the recommendations from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as outlined in the (Cabinet) report.

The Cabinet agreed to emphasise to the Kent and Police and Crime Commissioner the importance of street triage and agreed to refer the matter to the Health and Wellbeing Board for further consideration.

**4.1.6 Report title: Council Plan Quarter 1 2016/2017 Performance Monitoring Report**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted the report and considered the Quarter 1 2016/2017 performance against the key measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2016/2017.

**4.1.7 Report title: Work Programme**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the current work programme attached as appendix 1 of the (Committee) report.
- b) Agreed the suggested additions and changes to the Committee's work programme, as set out in paragraph 3 of the (Committee) report.
- c) Agreed that the Committee be represented on the proposed South East Regional Scrutiny Network Sub-group that would scrutinise SECamb and agreed that Councillors Wildey and Royle should represent the Committee at these meetings.
- d) Agreed to delegate authority to the Head of Democratic Services to, following consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokespersons, agree a summary report of the scrutiny undertaken of Kent and Medway Partnership Trust over the previous year for submission to the Care Quality Commission.
- e) Agreed that the previously postponed Member visit to the NHS 111 Call Centre in Chatham be arranged to take place in early 2017.

**4.2 15 December 2016**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=3401&Ver=4>

**4.2.1 Report title: Kent and Medway Patient Transport Services**

**Outcome:**

The Committee considered and commented on the update provided and requested that a written update on the performance of G4S be circulated to the Committee in June 2017, once adequate performance data was available and that a further update may be requested at a Committee meeting following this.

**4.2.2 Report title: Sustainability and Transformation Plan - Transforming Health and Social Care in Kent and Medway**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted the draft Kent and Medway Health and Social Care Sustainability and Transformation Plan, the progress made to date and provided comments on the Plan, with it being agreed that an update would be presented to the Committee at the March 2017 meeting.

4.2.3 **Report title: Technology Enabled Care Services (TECS)**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted and commented on the report provided.

4.2.4 **Report title: Council Plan Quarter 2 - 2016/17 Performance Monitoring Report**

**Outcome:**

The Committee considered quarter 2 2016/17 performance against the Key measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2016/17.

4.2.5 **Report title: Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2017/18**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted that Cabinet had instructed officers to continue to work with Portfolio Holders in formulating robust proposals to balance the budget for 2017/18 and beyond.
- b) Commented on the proposals outlined in the draft capital and revenue budgets in so far as they related to the services within the remit of the Committee and provided comments to be fed back to the Business Support overview and scrutiny committee in January.

4.2.6 **Report title: Work Programme**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the current work programme attached as appendix 1 of the report.
- b) Agreed the suggested additions and changes to the Committee's Work Programme, as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.
- c) Agreed that an update on mental health and the development of a Mental Health Strategy be added to the Work Programme for March 2016.

**4.3 24 January 2017**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=3402&Ver=4>

- 4.3.1 **Report title: Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services**
- 4.3.2 **Report title: Medway Health and Wellbeing Board - Review of Progress**
- 4.3.3 **Report title: Adult Social Care Strategy 2016 to 2020 - Getting Better Together**
- 4.3.4 **Report title: KMPT Mental Health Update**
- 4.3.5 **Report title: Medway Integrated Urgent Care Redesign**
- 4.3.6 **Report title: Work programme**

The above reports will be considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 24 January 2017 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 Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 24 January 2017 in time for the Council meeting on 26 January 2017.

**5. Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**5.1 25 October 2016**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=3532&Ver=4>

**5.1.1 Report title: Petitions**

**A) Petition regarding reduced opening hours for the Strand Swimming Pool**

**Outcome:**

The Committee

- a) noted the petition response and the officer actions set out in paragraphs 4.5 and 4.7 of the (Committee) report;
- b) thanked the Friends of Strand Pool for their petition and the work that they have undertaken with officers recognising their involvement and interest in the Strand Pool, and noted that officers are actively involved in working with them on a defined programme reviewing cleanliness of the Pool, demand for the facility, temperature triggers for opening the Pool to the public, increasing income from the facility to aid the cost of running the Pool, methods of recording visitors and decoration and physical conditions of the Pool.

### **B) Petition for a speed camera on Walderslade Road**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) noted the petition response and the officer actions set out in paragraphs 4.10 and 4.12 of the (Committee) report;
- b) noted that officers will liaise with Kent Police regarding the possibility of increasing the frequency of siting mobile cameras at this location and requesting that this be kept under review.

### **C) Petition to make the crossing on Rochester Road, Halling safe**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee noted the petition response and the officer actions set out in paragraphs 4.15 and 4.17 of the (Committee) report and thanked officers for their quick response in taking action in response to this petition.

### **D) Petition objecting to the new pavements of William Street, Rainham**

#### **Outcome:**

The Committee noted the petition response and the officer actions already undertaken as set out in paragraphs 4.20 and 4.22 of the (Committee) report.

#### **5.1.2 Report title: Attendance by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation**

Outcome:

The Committee:

- a) thanked the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation for attending the meeting and answering questions.
- b) noted that the Portfolio Holder will discuss with officers whether the level of noise nuisance complaints justified amendments to the Environmental Protection Team out of hours service to operate on Thursday/Friday and Saturday as opposed to Friday/Saturday and Sunday with the outcome of such discussions being notified to all Members of the Committee

- c) noted that the Portfolio Holder will discuss with officers the issue of the allocation of stalls at Gillingham Market in the light of the concerns raised by regular traders.
- d) noted that there will be full engagement with residents as part of the consultation process for the Local Plan encouraging written responses and that there will also be full consultation with all Members of the Council.

**5.1.3 Report title: Member's Item – relocation of the disability mobility service at the Pentagon Centre, Chatham**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) thanked Sue Groves MBE for attending the meeting and representing service users on this item.
- b) noted that after the consultation has been undertaken on the relocation of the disability mobility service, the outcome of the consultation will be reported to this Committee with such report to include information as to the range of those consulted and the date upon which the consultation took place.
- c) noted that officers have given an undertaking to review the legislation quoted in the diversity impact assessment for any future reports on this issue.
- d) requested that officers liaise with Members of the Committee on the proposed consultation plan before it commences.

**5.1.4 Report title: Annual Action Plan reviewing the progress of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted the progress of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and the 2016/17 Annual Action Plan and the progress in the setting up of the North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board.

**5.1.5 Report title: Council Plan Monitoring 2016/2017 – Quarter 1**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the Quarter 1 2016/17 performance against the key measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2016/17.

- b) Noted that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources has approved the adjustment of Quarter 1 target for performance measure LRCC 4a (Jobs created and safeguarded), from 75 to 35 to reflect the delayed receipt of Locate in Kent data, in accordance with the authority delegated to them at Full Council in February 2016.
- c) Noted that the Acting Assistant Director Front Line Services will discuss the issue of private landlords and the provision of refuse facilities with the relevant Councillor direct outside of the meeting.
- d) Noted that Officers have agreed to take the necessary action to reinforce to dog walkers at Riverside Country Park the requirement for them to dispose of dog excrement in a responsible manner using the bins provided.
- e) Noted that the Acting Assistant Director Front Line Services will discuss with the relevant Member concerned outside of the meeting the possibility of reviving the Friends of Gillingham Park as part of work to regain Green Flag status for this park.

**5.1.6 Report title: Work Programme**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the work programme and agreed that the Annual Review of Waste Contracts currently scheduled for January 2017 be rescheduled for March 2017.
- b) Noted that the request for the report on the 20splenty scheme on residential roads will be brought forward to committee.
- c) Noted that a report will be submitted to the Committee at a future date on the outcome of the consultation of the relocation of the shop mobility service at Chatham Pentagon Centre.

**5.2 8 December 2016**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=3533&Ver=4>

**5.2.1 Report title: Petitions**

- A) Petition to implement a robust traffic calming system that will reduce the speed of traffic to an acceptable level to ensure that Magpie Hall Road is safer for local residents**



**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted that the Assistant Director Front Line Services will investigate the possible provision of a mini roundabout at the junction of Palmerston Road with Magpie Hall Road and will report back to the Committee on the associated benefits of this roundabout and the costs involved.
- b) Noted that the Assistant Director Front Line Services will circulate to Members a copy of the current priority list of roads for traffic calming measures, it being noted that this list is to be treated in strict confidence owing to the potential implications for insurance premiums/claims.

**B) Petition to reinstate the 176/177 Arriva Bus to ASDA, Gillingham**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Requested that Officers pursue the receipt of an updated Bus Strategy from Peel Holdings and, in doing so arrange a meeting with appropriate representatives from Arriva, ASDA, Peel Holdings and Ward Councillors to discuss options for the provision of a bus service to ASDA store at Chatham Waters.
- b) Agreed that the outcome of a) above be notified to Members of the Committee by way of a briefing note.

5.2.2 **Report title: Annual Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership, including an update on the Community Safety Plan 2016 – 2020**

**Outcome:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the findings of the strategic assessment.
- b) Confirmed that in the light of the strategic assessment findings, the Community Safety Plan priorities should remain unchanged.
- c) Noted that Inspector Dyball has agreed to supply up to date crime statistics to the Democratic Services Officer for circulation to Members of the Committee.
- d) Noted that a list of events at which the CSP will be present in 2017 will be supplied and circulated to Members of the Committee.
- e) Noted that there will be improved communication with Ward Councillors in the provision of information on policing and PCSO's in Wards.

**5.2.3 Report title: Attendance by the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

**Outcome:**

The Committee thanked the Portfolio Holder for Resources for attending the meeting and answering questions and noted that the Portfolio Holder will provide updates to the various Members concerned on the following issues:

- Illegal tobacco – Comparisons with other areas
- PACTs – The location of the 6 operational PACTs
- The success rate of the Blue Light Project.

**5.2.4 Report title: Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2017/18**

**Outcome:**

The Committee agreed that the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee be advised of this Committee's concern that the budget report and appendix contain insufficient information to enable this Committee to undertake a robust review of the capital and revenue budgets and it is hoped that this situation is addressed in future years so that more account is taken of the scrutiny function in budget setting.

**5.2.5 Report title: Council Plan Quarter 2 2026/17 Performance Monitoring Report**

**Outcome:**

The Committee agreed:

- a) That the Quarter 2 2016/17 performance against key measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2016/17 be noted.
- b) A briefing note be supplied setting out data/information on the 5 routes used for Performance Indicator NI 167 – Average journey times along 5 routes across Medway.
- c) Information be supplied to Members on the number of fixed penalty notices issued for littering and dog fouling that have been paid.

**5.2.6 Report title: Member's Item – Splashes Leisure Pool**

**Outcome:**

The Committee noted that a further report will be submitted to the Committee when the outcome of Public Health England's investigation is known.

**5.2.7 Report title: Work Programme**

**Outcome:**

The Committee agreed to note the work programme and that a further report will be submitted on the Splashes Leisure Pool when the outcome of the Public Health England investigation is known.

**5.3 17 January 2017**

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=3534>

**5.3.1 Report title: Attendance of the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Housing and Community Services**

**5.3.2 Report title: Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Inward Investment, Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships**

**5.3.3 Report title: Housing (Supply, Demand and Affordability) Progress Report**

**5.3.4 Report title: Member's Item: Splashes Leisure Pool**

**5.3.5 Report title: Cultural Activities**

**5.3.6 Report title: Petitions**

**5.3.7 Report title: Work programme**

The above reports will be considered by the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 17 January 2017 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 Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 17 January 2017 in time for the Council meeting on 26 January 2017.

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**Appendices**

None

**Background papers**

None