

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 27 April 2017.

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.	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
2.1	<u>30 May 2017</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MId=3717&Ver=4	
2.1.1	Report title:	Call-In: Transformation of Early Help Services Outcome: The Committee accepted the Cabinet decision 44/2017, as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report, and agreed to take no further action. Councillors Murray, Cooper and Johnson requested that their votes against this proposal should be recorded in the minutes as provided for in Council Rule 12.6.
2.1.2	Report title:	Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) - Update Report Outcome: The Committee noted the report.

2.1.3	Report title:	Medway Youth Parliament - Annual Conference Findings Outcome: The Committee noted the report and thanked the Medway Youth Parliament for their submission.
2.1.4	Report title:	Re-commissioning of Medway Child Health Services - Consultation Feedback Outcome: The Committee noted the approach taken to consult the public and practitioners as set out in section 3 of the report, as well as some of the emerging themes of services improvement and how they will inform future service modelling. The Committee also noted the initial views of parents, young people and practitioners as to the type of children's health services they wish to see provided in Medway as set out in section 4 of the report.
2.1.5	Report title:	Work Programme Outcome: 1) The Committee agreed the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 of the report subject to adding the following to the August meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Social Care Complaints and Compliments Annual Report • Transformation of Early Help Services – Outcome of Consultation 2) The Committee agreed the recommendation to appoint Fay Cordingley to the Teacher position on the Committee. 3) The Committee noted the process for selection of topics for the next round of Scrutiny Task Groups in 2018/19 and the invitation to all Members of the Committee to submit ideas based on the criteria set out in paragraph 7.2 of the report to the Democratic Services Officer ahead of the next agenda planning meeting for this Committee.
3.	Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview And Scrutiny Committee	
3.1	<u>15 June 2017</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=3742&Ver=4	
3.1.1	Report title:	Member's Item - Splashes Leisure Pool Outcome: a) The Committee noted the report and recommended that the Director of Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation take on board the following recommendations from Public Health England: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medway Council is advised to investigate the lessons to be learnt in terms of pool management procedures

		<p>and to implement appropriate remedial actions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Medway Council is advised to consider the need for additional training on the need to maintain legible, contemporaneous records of pool water safety including chlorine levels and actions undertaken. 3. Medway Council is advised to consider the need for reviewing business continuity plans and any potential impact on pool water safety/monitoring procedures in the event of service disruption due to ICT failure or similar events. 4. Medway Council is advised to consider measures to improve the use of showers before and after use of the pool by customers. 5. Strict compliance with Medway Council's swimming pool Normal Operating Procedure should minimise the risk of further outbreaks occurring in the future. Enhanced vigilance and oversight should be considered when deviating from normal pool procedures e.g. when reducing chlorine levels or when the auto-doser is switched off. 6. Medway Council is advised to share the summary of this outbreak with the manufacturer of the colouring dye and PWTAG to inform their recommendations for the future 7. It be noted that PHE intends to publish the findings of this outbreak in a peer-reviewed journal to inform future research and practice recommendations in maintaining pool water safety. <p>b) Whilst it be noted that Public Health England also recommended that the Council review the risk assessment for dyeing pool water, a decision has already been taken that the Council will no longer use dye in its pools.</p>
3.1.2	<p>Report title:</p>	<p>Report on the possible introduction of a 20s Plenty scheme in Medway</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee requested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) that the Director of Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation monitor the current blanket 20mph zones that have been implemented in London and other Boroughs, including neighbouring local authority areas, to determine their cost effectiveness, their ability to reduce casualties and impact on air quality, also giving consideration to how long the schemes have been in place. b) that the Director of Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation establish a baseline for the 8 existing schemes in Medway and review the speed of vehicles and the casualty figures over the coming 12 - 18 months to assess the effectiveness of each scheme.

		<p>c) that no action be taken at this stage in recommending to Cabinet that a blanket 20mph zone is implemented or piloted.</p> <p>d) that Councillors be involved in any scoping report for any areas suggested to be the subject of a pilot 20mph zone.</p> <p>e) that a briefing note be provided to Members of the Committee in 6 months setting out the methodology to be used by officers in monitoring blanket 20mph zones in other areas.</p>
3.1.3	Report title:	<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report End of Year: Quarter 4 2016/17</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the end of year Quarter 4 2016/17 performance against key measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2016/17 be noted.</p>
3.1.4	Report title:	<p>Petitions</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
3.1.5	Report title:	<p>Work Programme</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) noted the current work programme.</p> <p>b) agreed the following changes to the work programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report on information on the levels of finance needed to be invested in the highways network in order to maintain current levels of performance be rescheduled to March 2018 on the basis that the new contract is due to go live in August. • The report on the pilot scheme for Street Licensing – Placing Objects on the Highway be rescheduled to January 2018 to enable an extension of the pilot scheme. • The report providing a 6 month update on the recommendations from the Dementia Task Group be scheduled for January 2018. • The update from the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority be provided by a briefing note rather than a report to Committee. • The report on the associated benefits and the costs involved in the possible provision of a mini roundabout at the junction of Palmerston Road with Magpie Hall Road be provisionally scheduled for August 2017. • A report on the outcome of consultation on the Declaration of Four Elms Hill Air Quality Management

		<p>Plan be submitted to the Committee in August 2017 subject to the consultation process having ended.</p> <p>c) noted the process for selection of topics for the next round of Scrutiny Task Groups in 2018/19 and invited all Members of the Committee to submit ideas based on the criteria set out in paragraph 5 above to the Democratic Services Officer ahead of the next agenda planning meeting for this Committee.</p>
4.	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
4.1	<p><u>20 June 2017</u></p> <p>https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=3723&Ver=4</p>	
4.1.1	Report title:	<p>South East Coast Ambulance Service Update</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee considered and commented on the update provided.</p>
4.1.2	Report title:	<p>Update Report: Medway Intermediate Care and Reablement Service</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the progress detailed in the report.</p>
4.1.3	Report title:	<p>Medway Integrated Urgent Care Redesign</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted and commented on the update provided on the Integrated Urgent Care Redesign, including the Communication and Engagement Plan and Draft Consultation document and agreed that an update should next be presented to the when the next update should be presented to the Committee.</p>
4.1.4	Report title:	<p>Community Services Re-procurement Programme: Progress Report</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the Community Services Re-procurement programme and agreed the approach for providing future updates.</p>

4.1.5	Report title:	Re-commissioning of Medway Adult Substance Misuse Treatment Services Outcome: i) Noted the proposed model for Adult Substance Misuse Treatment Services. ii) Noted the emerging themes of service improvement. iii) Consider the proposed development or variation to the health service as set out in this report and Appendix 2 and decide whether or not it is substantial together with the consequential arrangements for providing comments to the relevant NHS body or health service provider.
4.1.6	Report title:	Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report End of Year: Quarter 4: 2016/17 Outcome: The Committee considered 2016/17 performance against the key measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2016/17.
4.1.7	Report title:	Work Programme Outcome: The Committee: a) Considered whether any changes needed to be made to the work programme attached at Appendix 1. b) Noted the changes to the Committee's work programme, as set out in paragraph 3 of the report. c) Noted the process for selection of topics for the next round of Scrutiny Task Groups in 2018/19 and agreed that all Members of the Committee be invited to submit ideas based on the criteria set out in paragraph 4 of report to the Democratic Services Officer ahead of the next agenda planning meeting for this Committee.
5.	Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
5.1	<u>6 July 2017</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=3863&Ver=4	
5.1.1	Report title:	Procurement Strategy
5.1.2	Report title:	Council Plan Performance Monitoring Quarter 4
5.1.3	Report title:	Various Land disposals
5.1.4	Report title:	Update on Medway Norse

5.1.5	Report title:	Homelessness Strategy
5.1.6	Report title:	Thomas Aveling Community Library
5.1.7	Report title:	Scrutiny Task Groups
5.1.8	Report title:	Work Programme
	The above reports were considered by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 6 July 2017 and are listed here to enable the Council to discuss any issues arising at this meeting as the minutes have not yet been finalised.	

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Appendices

None

Background papers

None