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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 20 July 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>1 August 2017</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MId=3718&Ver=4	
2.1.1	Report title:	<p>Transformation of Early Help Services - Outcome of the Consultation</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the outcome of the consultation and agreed that the key points made during the discussion be referred to Cabinet for consideration.</p> <p>Cabinet Decision:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the outcome of the consultation, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in section 6 of the report.</p> <p>79/2017 The Cabinet approved the option to establish four integrated Family and Children Hubs (Designated Children's Centres) and nine Children and Family Wellbeing Centres as set out in the Business Case</p>

		<p>(Appendix 1 to the report).</p> <p>80/2017 The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member), to decide the final location of the Children and Family Hubs and Children and Family Wellbeing Centres within the agreed capital budget.</p> <p>Note: These decisions were called in by six and eight Members of the Council respectively and were considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 31 August 2017 (paragraph 5.1.1 refers).</p>
2.1.2	Report title:	<p>Complaints and Compliments Annual Report - April 2016 to March 2017</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
2.1.3	Report title:	<p>Medway Youth Justice Partnership Strategic Plan 2017-2020</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee recommended the report on the Medway Youth Justice Partnership Strategic Plan 2017-2020 to Cabinet as set out in Appendix A.</p> <p>Cabinet Decision:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.</p> <p>88/2017 The Cabinet recommended approval to Full Council of the Medway Youth Justice Partnership Strategic Plan 2017-2020 as set out in Appendix A to the report.</p>
2.1.4	Report title:	<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report - End of Year: Quarter 4 (2016/17)</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
2.1.5	Report title:	<p>Work Programme</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>1) The Committee agreed the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 of the report subject to adding the following items:</p> <p><u>5 October 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling Racism in Medway • Maternity Services Transformation • Immunisation Services Update

		<p><u>5 December 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overnight Short Breaks • Annual Fostering Report 2016/17 • Report on attainment at Key Stage 2 <p><u>11 January 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Adoption Report 2016/17 <p><u>8 March 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report on School Performance 2017 <p><u>Date: TBC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookham Wood Young Offenders Institute – update report • Young Asylum Seekers in Medway <p>2) The Committee agreed the request from Medway Parents and Carers Forum for a non-voting place on the Committee, and recommended Full Council to increase the size of the Committee and appoint a representative of the Forum and a named substitute.</p> <p>3) The Committee noted the Task Group topic suggestion at Appendix 2 to the report and supported this topic going forward for further discussion at the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Opposition Spokespersons in October 2017.</p>
3.	Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview And Scrutiny Committee	
3.1	<p><u>17 August 2017</u></p> <p>https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=3743&Ver=4</p>	
3.1.1	Report title:	<p>Petitions</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) Noted the petition responses and appropriate officer action set out in paragraph 3 of the report;</p> <p>b) Thanked Mr Belfield for attending the meeting and raising the concerns of petitioners in Rectory Grange, Canon Close and Rochester Maidstone Road;</p> <p>c) Noted that the Acting Integrated Transport Manager has advised that there will be increased enforcement activity around the school when it re-opens in September and that he will be arranging a site visit in conjunction with Ward Councillors to assess the area and any other possible action that can be taken and the outcome will be notified to Members of the Committee via a briefing note;</p> <p>d) Noted that the Assistant Director Front Line Services will be referring the issue of a Walking Bus for the</p>

		local school to the Road Safety Team.
3.1.2	Report title:	<p>Attendance by the Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee thanked the Portfolio Holder for attending the meeting and answering questions on his portfolio and noted that the Portfolio Holder had agreed to report back on the following issues via a briefing note to be circulated to all Members of the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway Asset and Management Funding - information on the level of funding which would have been available had Medway been assessed as band 3. • Medway Tunnel – Information on the level of funds remaining from the Rochester Bridge Trust donation for the Medway Tunnel. • Travel Safety - Information as to where the killed and seriously injured casualties had occurred in 2016 and whether this provided an indication as to any particular hotspots that required prioritisation for road safety projects.
3.1.3	Report title:	<p>Member's Item: Upper Luton Road Retaining Wall</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted that officers will be continuing to regularly monitor the condition of the retaining wall in Upper Luton Road. b) Noted that works will be undertaken to repair the railings located on the top of the retaining wall in Upper Luton Road where such repairs are considered necessary, with such works being funded from within existing budgets as confirmed by the Assistant Director Physical and Cultural Regeneration.
3.1.4	Report title:	<p>Declaration of Four Elms Hill Air Quality Management Area</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Recommended to Cabinet that at its meeting on 5 September 2017 it approves the declaration of the new AQMA at Four Elms Hill to ensure Medway's statutory duty, under the requirements of the Environment Act 1995, are met and directs officers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake the necessary work to formally declare the area as an AQMA;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and consult on an Action Plan for the area; and • Report back to Cabinet to gain approval of the new Action Plan. <p>b) Agreed that a copy of the Action Plan be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.</p> <p>Cabinet Decision:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the comments of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.</p> <p>98/2017 The Cabinet approved the declaration of the new Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) at Four Elms Hill to ensure Medway’s statutory duty, under the requirements of the Environment Act 1995, are met and instructed officers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake the necessary work to formally declare the area as an AQMA; • Develop and consult on an Action Plan for the area; and • Report back to Cabinet to gain approval of the new Action Plan.
3.1.5	Report title:	<p>Report on the outcome of investigations into the possible provision of a mini roundabout at the Magpie Hall Road Junction with Palmerston Road</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee agreed:</p> <p>a) That the Director of Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation continue to monitor the accident levels at the Magpie Hall Road junction with Palmerston Road, and on Magpie Hall Road from its junction with Walderslade Road to the junction with Kitchener Avenue and take action as appropriate to reduce casualties.</p> <p>b) That the Acting Integrated Transport Manager provide a written response to Members of the Committee and Ward Councillors in a few weeks setting out any possible action that can be taken to reduce the speed of traffic in Magpie Hall Road and include within such response the outcome of consideration of provision of a stop line at the junction of Palmerston Road with Magpie Hall Road.</p>

3.1.6	Report title:	Work programme Outcome: The Committee: a) Noted the current work programme. b) Supported the topic of “Physical Activity” being submitted for consideration as a Task Group review in 2017/18.
4.	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
4.1	<u>22 August 2017</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=3724&Ver=4	
4.1.1	Report title:	Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan Update Outcome: The Committee considered and commented on the update provided on the Kent and Medway Health and Social Care Sustainability and Transformation Plan and agreed that the next update should be presented to the Committee in December 2017.
4.1.2	Report title:	Update on Medway NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) Outcome: The Committee commented on the progress report produced by Medway NHS Foundation Trust and agreed that a further update should be brought to the Committee in December 2017.
4.1.3	Report title:	Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) Mental Health Update Outcome: The Committee noted the content of the report and provided comments.
4.1.4	Report title:	Medway Integrated Urgent Care Redesign Outcome: The Committee noted and commented on the update provided on the Integrated Urgent Care Redesign and supported the engagement proposals set out in the report.
4.1.5	Report title:	Adult Social Care - Annual Complaints and Compliments Report - April 2016 to March 2017 Outcome: The Committee noted and commented on the report presented and requested that the Interim Assistant Director of Adult Social Care liaise with the Head of Communications and Marketing with regard to ‘out of office’ messages.

4.1.6	Report title:	Petitions Outcome: The Committee noted the petition response and appropriate officer action in paragraph 3 of the report.
4.1.7	Report title:	Work Programme Outcome: The Committee: a) Agreed the work programme attached at Appendix 1, subject to the addition of an update from Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) in December 2017. b) Noted the changes to the Committee's work programme, as set out in paragraph 3 of the report. c) Indicated its support for Physical Activity, Social Isolation and Support and Resources for Carers as possible topics for Task Group reviews in 2018/19. d) Agreed that a report on the transition from Children's to Adult services should be added to work programme for the January 2018 meeting of the Committee.
5.	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
5.1	<u>31 August 2017</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MId=3918&Ver=4	
5.1.1	Report title:	Call-in: Transformation of Early Help Services - Outcome of the Consultation and Business Case Outcome: The Committee accepted Cabinet decisions 79 and 80/2017, as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report, and agreed to take no further action. Councillors Price, Cooper and Johnson requested that their votes against this proposal should be recorded in the minutes as provided for in Council Rule 12.6.
5.1.2	Report title:	Aut Even Ofsted Inspection Outcome: The Committee noted the work to date on the service improvements and noted that an update report would be provided to the Committee in October 2017.

5.	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
6.1	<u>5 October 2017</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MId=3719	
6.1.1	Report title:	Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Annual Report 2016-17
6.1.2	Report title:	Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 1 2017/18
6.1.3	Report title:	Ofsted Inspection of Aut Even
6.1.4	Report title:	Tackling Racism in Medway
6.1.5	Report title:	Maternity Services Transformation
6.1.6	Report title:	Childhood Immunisation Service Update
6.1.7	Report title:	Work Programme
	The above reports were considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 5 October 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