

## 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 26 April 2018.

#### 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.

<b>2.</b>	<b>Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b><u>5 June 2018</u></b> <a href="https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&amp;MId=4034&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&amp;MId=4034&amp;Ver=4</a>	
2.1.1	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Update Report</b>  <b>Outcome:</b>  The Committee noted the report and thanked the Independent Chair for his attendance.
2.1.2	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Annual Report on School Performance 2017</b>  <b>Outcome:</b>  The Committee noted the report and thanked the Regional Schools Commissioner for his attendance.

2.1.3	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Annual Update on Children's Services</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
2.1.4	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Medway School Place Planning Strategy 2018-2022</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee recommended the School Place Planning Strategy 2018-2022 to the Cabinet for approval and requested a briefing note on the factors considered in determining a proposed site for the free school in Rainham.</p> <p><b>Cabinet – 10 July 2018</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Cabinet noted the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.</li> <li>ii) The Cabinet approved the School Place Planning Strategy 2018-22 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.</li> </ul>
2.1.5	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Update on Supported Accommodation for Children in Care and Care Leavers</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the report and expressed concern about the lack of regulation amongst supported accommodation.</p>
2.1.6	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Female Genital Mutilation</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
2.1.7	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Member's Item: Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>

2.1.8	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Work programme</b>  <b>Outcome:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Committee agreed the work programme, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to: -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adding Children’s Social Care Complaints and Compliments Annual report to the work programme for 31 July 2018.</li><li>• Adding attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services to the work programme for 10 January 2019</li><li>• Adding the attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services (Lead Member) to the work programme for 7 March 2019</li><li>• Adding the attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Educational Improvement and Attainment to the work programme for 7 March 2019</li><li>• Removing Medway Test Procedure Review from the work programme and instead officers providing a briefing note on this.</li></ul></li><li>2. The Committee requested a briefing note on the resilience of schools in Medway in relation to bad weather, following the recent flooding that had been experienced locally.</li><li>3. The Committee requested the Democratic Services Officer to liaise with colleagues about the scheduling of items listed on the work programme as ‘to be determined’ and bring forward a suggested plan for scheduling these items.</li><li>4. The Committee noted the update relating to the Headteacher position on the Committee, as detailed in section 5 of the report.</li></ol>
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3.	<b>Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	
3.1	<b><u>14 June 2018</u></b> <a href="https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&amp;MId=4040&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&amp;MId=4040&amp;Ver=4</a>	
3.1.1	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Petitions</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p><b>Petition 1 - Maidstone Road/Pattens Lane pedestrian access and road safety</b></p> <p>a. The Committee thanked Mrs Turpin for attending the meeting and speaking on her petition and agreed that no further action be taken at the present time on the basis that there are other road safety schemes in Medway which have been ranked as a higher priority.</p> <p>b. The Committee noted the petition response and appropriate officer action set out in paragraph 3 of the report.</p> <p><b>Petition 2 - Objection to potential parking restrictions at Commodore's Hard adjacent to the causeway</b></p> <p>Officers be requested to investigate the possible introduction of parking permits for river users to enable them to park on Commodore's Hard when launching their boats from the slipway.</p>
3.1.2	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Member's Item - Request for provision of stairwell in Nelson Terrace, Chatham</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee thanked Councillor Osborne for his Member's Item and requested that officers make the housing providers aware of the issue in order that they may consider how accessibility between the dwellings and the privately owned path at street level may be improved.</p>
3.1.3	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Member's item - Co-ordinated approach for initiatives and projects in Rochester</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee thanked Councillor Paterson for his Member's Item and noted the item.</p>

3.1.4	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 4 and end of Year 2017/18</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Committee note the quarter 4 and end of year report on the performance of the measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council's priorities;</li> <li>b. A report be submitted to a future meeting on the systems that have been put in place to capture those requests from members of the public that are received in a digital format.</li> </ul>
3.1.5	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Work programme</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The work programme be noted;</li> <li>b. The report on the levels of finance needed to be invested in the highways network in order to maintain current levels of technical performance, due in August 2018, include the following additional information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on the challenges that the recent severe weather had on the highway network.</li> <li>• The outcome of the NHT 2017 survey.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.	<b>Health and Adult Social Care Overview And Scrutiny Committee</b>	
4.1	<p><b><u>19 June 2018</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&amp;MIId=4209&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&amp;MIId=4209&amp;Ver=4</a></p>	
4.1.1	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Kent and Medway NHS Strategic Commissioner</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Noted the report.</li> <li>ii) Expressed its concern in relation to the development of a single strategic commissioner for Kent and Medway and requested that regular engagement be undertaken with the Committee.</li> <li>iii) Requested that a letter be sent to NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group to express the Committee's concerns that the development of the strategic commissioner had not been presented to the Committee sooner.</li> </ul>

		<p>iv) Requested that an update report on the development of the Strategic Commissioner be added to the Work Programme for the August 2018 meeting.</p>
4.1.2	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 4 and End of Year 2017/18</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Considered the quarter 4 and end of year 2017/18 performance of the measures of success used to monitor progress against the Council's priorities.</li> <li>ii) Requested that further information be provided to the Committee in relation to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Confirmation of whether being in receipt of direct payments would have an impact on eligibility for universal credit.</li> <li>b) Confirmation of whether the figure for the percentage of adults with learning difficulties in settled accommodation includes people who are homeless.</li> <li>c) Clarification of the figures presented in the report in relation to the number Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) assessments outstanding over the last four months.</li> <li>d) Details of what employer support training involves, how it is being targeted and its impact.</li> <li>e) A written update to be provided on the work of Task and Finish Group established to investigate hospital readmissions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.1.3	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Medway NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) Update</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Commented on the progress report produced by Medway NHS Foundation Trust and agreed that a further update be provided to a future meeting of the Committee.</li> </ul>

		<p>ii) Requested that the next update to the Committee include:</p> <p>a. Details of the work of the Transformation Board.</p> <p>b. Staff survey results from the latest survey and data from the previous year to be included to enable comparisons to be made.</p>
4.1.4	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) Update</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>i) Noted the contents of the report and provided comments.</p> <p>ii) Requested that a visit to the Brenchley Unit in Maidstone be arranged for Members of the Committee.</p> <p>iii) Requested that further information be provided to the Committee in relation to provision of services for people of no fixed abode.</p> <p>iv) Requested that the Business Case for the Street Triage service be circulated to the Committee when available.</p>
4.1.5	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Improving Access to General Practice</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee noted and commented on the report and agreed that a further update should be presented to a future meeting of the Committee and for this to include statistics, such as average age, number of GPs and the number leaving the profession, in relation to GP provision in Medway.</p>
4.1.6	<b>Report title:</b>	<p><b>Three Conversations Briefing</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>The Committee noted and commented on the report.</p>

4.1.7	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Work programme</b>  The Committee  i) Considered and agreed the Work Programme, including the changes set out in the report and agreed during the meeting.  ii) Agreed that a date be determined for the Holding the Health and Wellbeing Board to Account report to be presented to the Committee and that this should be earlier than the January 2019 meeting.  iii) Agreed that the following items be added to the Work Programme:  a. A further update on the development of a Kent and Medway NHS Strategic Commissioner be added to the August 2018 meeting.  b. A further update from Medway NHS Foundation Trust be added to the October 2018 meeting  c. An item on GP services and provision in Medway be added to be brought to the Committee following the roll out of the Improving Access to General Practice arrangements and for this to include statistics in relation to GP provision in Medway.
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<b>5.</b>	<b>Business Support Overview And Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b><u>5 July 2018</u></b> <a href="https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&amp;MId=4049&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&amp;MId=4049&amp;Ver=4</a>	
5.1.1	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Member's item: Gillingham Football Club Sponsorship by Medway Council</b>
5.1.2	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Medway Norse Update</b>
5.1.3	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Shared Licensing Service between Gravesham Borough Council and Medway Council</b>
5.1.4	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Statement of Gambling Policy</b>
5.1.5	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Gambling Act 2005 - Government Response to the Consultation on Proposals for Changes to Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures</b>
5.1.6	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 4 and End of Year 2017/18</b>
5.1.7	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Transformation Programme Update</b>
5.1.8	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Procurement Strategy</b>
5.1.9	<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Work Programme</b>

The above reports were considered by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 5 July 2018 and are listed here to enable the Council to discuss any issues arising at this meeting as the minutes are not yet available.

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**Appendices**

None.

**Background papers**

None.