

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 11 July 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.

2.	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
2.1	<u>31 July</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MId=4058&Ver=4	
2.1.1	Report title:	Member Item: Medway University Technical College (UTC) Outcome: The Committee noted the report.
2.1.2	Report title:	Complaints and Compliments Annual Report April 2017 - March 2018 Outcome: The Committee noted the report.

2.1.3	Report title:	<p>Universal Health Support for Vulnerable Families - update</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
2.1.4	Report title:	<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 4 and End of Year 2017/18</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
2.1.5	Report title:	<p>Work programme</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Committee agreed the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the following changes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A report on Early Help and Targeted Services to be scheduled for the October meeting which will address Children and Family Hubs, Youth Offending Team, Youth Service, children not in education, employment or training (NEETS) and Troubled Families and that the items relating to Sure Start and the Integrated Youth Support Service, currently listed as date to be determined be deleted. b) A report on the progress of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Plan to be scheduled for the October meeting and therefore removed from the 'date to be determined' list. c) A report on Aut Even and the transfer of services to Parklands to be scheduled for the December meeting and therefore removed from the 'date to be determined' list. d) An update report on Tackling Racism in Medway to be scheduled for the January meeting and therefore removed from the 'date to be determined' list. e) An update report on the NHS England Commissioned Childhood Immunisation Programme in Medway to be scheduled for the January meeting and therefore removed from the 'date to be determined' list.

		<p>f) A demonstration of the Mind of My Own (MoMO) app to be provided 15 minutes before the start of a future meeting, date yet to be set.</p> <p>g) A presentation by Youth Mentors in the Fostering Service to be delivered to the Corporate Parenting Group and therefore removed from the 'date to be determined' list.</p> <p>h) A report on the outcome of the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) and Statement of Action to be scheduled for the December meeting.</p> <p>i) An update on the Children and Young People Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service to be added to the work programme, date to be determined.</p> <p>j) A presentation by the Medway Children and Young People Council on the anti-stigma campaign to be added to the work programme, date to be determined.</p> <p>2) The Committee noted the recommendation from the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee and agreed to consider whether to schedule an update on the transformation programme at the next agenda planning meeting.</p>
3.	Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
3.1	<u>16 August</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=4065&Ver=4	
3.1.1	Report title:	<p>Member's item: Flooding in Luton, Chatham</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) noted that the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive will investigate the issue of contact between the Council and the two Housing Associations in Nelson Terrace on the day of the flood.</p> <p>b) noted that the Head of Highways and Parking Services will investigate the claim that a number of uncleaned gullies had been located in areas where there were double yellow lines and therefore could not be blocked by parked vehicles.</p>

		<p>c) noted that the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive will instigate a review of the Council's Emergency Procedures to ensure that it covers unpredictable flooding.</p> <p>d) noted that Southern Water will consider sending local residents a letter explaining the work that has been carried out in surveying the sewer in Luton and the repair works due to be carried out in the near future and setting out the obligations of Southern Water. Such a letter to be a possible joint collaboration with the Council.</p> <p>e) agreed that the Assistant Director Front Line Services be requested to consider providing a monthly gully cleansing schedule to all Members of the Council.</p>
3.1.2	Report title:	<p>Petitions</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) noted the petition response and appropriate officer action set out in paragraph 3 of the report.</p> <p>b) noted the petition referral request and the Director's comments at paragraph 4 of the report.</p> <p>c) noted that a site visit will be arranged for a date in September to assess the requirements for secure motorcycle parking provision at Commercial Road Car Park in Strood and that the lead petitioner will be invited to attend the site visit.</p> <p>d) agreed that Ward Councillors be notified of the date of the site visit referred to at c) above and invited to attend.</p> <p>e) agreed that a verbal update be provided on the outcome of the site visit referred to at c) above to the next meeting of the Committee on 18 October 2018.</p> <p>f) agreed that a briefing note on the review of fixed CCTV cameras be circulated to all Members of the Council.</p>
3.1.3	Report title:	<p>Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) thanked Councillor Filmer for attending the meeting and answering Member's questions.</p>

		<p>b) noted that the Portfolio Holder in consultation with officers will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pursue the possible sale of bus tickets at the bus station. • Investigate the possibility of the parking hotline being incorporated as an option on the 333333 telephone number. • Along with Kent County Council, continue to investigate possible options available as an alternative to the Oyster Card Scheme. • Investigate the possibility of increasing the period of free parking at Walderslade village from one hour to two hours. • Respond direct to the Member concerned to advise upon the length of the European Parking Collection (EPC) Contract. <p>c) requested that the Assistant Director Front Line Services undertake further discussions with Network Rail on the possibility of repair works being undertaken to Green Street Bridge in Gillingham.</p> <p>d) requested that an article be placed in Medway Matters advertising the introduction of the Extended Carers Parking Permits.</p> <p>e) agreed that a Briefing Note be circulated to all Members of the Council setting out the criteria and process for determining the schedule of resurfacing of carriageways and it be noted that the Head of Highways and Parking Services has offered to undertaken a site visit with the Member concerned to discuss carriageway repairs.</p> <p>f) requested that the gully clearance programme incorporate a risk-based approach to support the prioritisation within the programme.</p>
3.1.4	Report title:	<p>Highway Network Investment to maintain the current levels of technical performance</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) noted the increased levels of Highway Network Investment required to maintain the current levels of technical performance and requested that the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive write to the Roads Minister along the lines suggested above and requesting that the Government provide an</p>

		<p>increased level of funding available to local authorities for the maintenance of highways assets nationally.</p> <p>b) agreed that further Lifecycle Reports for Highways Network Investment be added to the Committee's Work Programme.</p> <p>c) noted that the Head of Highways and Parking Services will circulate a briefing note clarifying how the Highways Budget for 2018-19 correlated to the Lifecycle Planning 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 in line with the suggestions from the Pre-agenda meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The further 6 month update from the Dementia Task Group be provided as a briefing note in line with the request of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. • The 6 month update on the recommendations from the Task Group on Employment Opportunities for Young People in Medway be deferred until October 2018 on the basis that the post holder who will be undertaking this work only recently took up post and in line with the decision of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. • A briefing note be produced on the Cultural Activities Programme in 2019. • The Annual Action Plan reviewing the progress of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy be produced as a briefing note in 2019 <p>c) agreed that a report on Transformation be added to the Committee's work programme for the December meeting.</p> <p>d) agreed to receive further Lifecycle reports for Highways Network Investment.</p> <p>e) agreed that a briefing note be circulated on the recent loss from the Castle Concerts.</p>

4.	Health and Adult Social Care Overview And Scrutiny Committee	
4.1	<u>21 August 2018</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=4065&Ver=4	
4.1.1	Report title:	Member Item - Proposed Closure of the Sunlight Centre GP Surgery Outcome: The Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Resolves that the CCG proposals to merge four AMPS contracts into one and reduce operating sites from five to three do constitute a substantial variation of provision and therefore merits a formal delay of the decision due to be made by the Primary Care Commissioning Committee on 29th August 2018. ii) Further requests an extended consultation period which takes proper account of the alternatives and issues presented by stakeholders during the new consultation period.
4.1.2	Report title:	Member Item - GP Provision On The Hoo Peninsula Outcome: The Committee agreed that the following matter be referred to Cabinet for consideration: The Cabinet in the report 6th March 2018 - Medway Local Plan - Development Strategy Consultation - makes reference to the use of Health Impact Assessments to collect evidence-based information for planning and infrastructure needs for communities. Having regard to the current loss of evidence-based information for 2,000 homes already approved Peninsula homes, the Cabinet be requested to consider bringing forward the implementation of Health Impact Assessments for all Planning Applications of 25 or more new homes for the Hoo Peninsula and advise the Director of Public Health accordingly.
4.1.3	Report title:	Community Services Re-Procurement: Consultation on Key Changes Outcome: The Committee commented on the proposed changes to adult community services and noted the plans for further public engagement during September and October 2018.

4.1.4	Report title:	<p>South East Coast Ambulance Service Update</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted and commented on the update provided.</p>
4.1.5	Report title:	<p>Kent and Medway Patient Transport Services - Performance Update</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee considered and commented on the update provided.</p>
4.1.6	Report title:	<p>Adult Social Care - Annual Complaints and Compliments Report April 2017 to March 2018</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted and commented on the report and requested that a letter of thanks be sent to all those who had sent a letter of compliment, during 2017/18, in relation Adult Social Care.</p>
4.1.7	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.</p>
4.1.8	Report title:	<p>Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee considered and commented on the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its priorities, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.</p>
4.1.9	Report title:	<p>Petitions</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the petition response and appropriate officer action in paragraph 3 of the report and agreed that an update on the RVS Centre should be presented to the Committee at the appropriate time.</p>

4.1.10	Report title:	Work programme Outcome: The Committee i) Considered and agreed the Work Programme, including the changes set out in the report and agreed during the meeting. ii) Agreed the following changes to the Work Programme: a. A further update on the development of a Kent and Medway NHS Strategic Commissioner be added to be added to the Work Programme for the October 2018 meeting. b. An update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Dementia Task Group be provided to the Committee as a briefing note instead of being presented at a future meeting. c. An update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board be added to the Work Programme for the October 2018 meeting. d. A report on GP Services in Medway should be added to the Work Programme for the December 2018 meeting and for this to include key statistics in relation to GP provision in Medway. e. A report on wheelchair services in Medway be added to the agenda for the October 2018 Committee meeting. f. An update on the elements of the Council Transformation programme that fall within the remit of this Committee be added to the Work Programme for the December 2018 meeting.
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5.	Business Support Overview And Scrutiny Committee	
5.1	<u>23 August</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=4068&Ver=4	
5.1.1	Report title:	Call in: The Long Term Future of the Corn Exchange, Enhancement of the Guildhall Museum - Sale of the Former Conservancy Building, 17 High Street, Rochester Outcome: The Committee agreed to accept the Cabinet decision and take no further action.
5.1.2	Report title:	Petition Outcome: The Committee agreed to note the report.
5.1.3	Report title:	Public Rights of Way Claim - New Road, Chatham Outcome: The Committee agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the report; b) ask for a further progress report when there are further developments, and; c) recommend to the Head of Planning that enforcement action be taken in respect of the gates and fences referred to in paragraph 6 of the report.
5.1.4	Report title:	Becoming a Single-Use Plastic Free Council Outcome: The Committee agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the update in this report on progress made to becoming a single use plastic free Council, and; b) ask for a further progress report at the January 2019 meeting.

5.1.5	Report title:	<p>Revenue Budget Monitoring 2019/19 - Quarter 1</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee agreed to:</p> <p>note the result of the first round of revenue monitoring for 2018/19, and; request briefing notes on the non-recurrent actions totalling £1.27m referred to in paragraph 5.2.4 of the report and also on staffing levels at leisure centres.</p>
5.1.6	Report title:	<p>Capital Budget Monitoring 2018/19 - Quarter 1</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee agreed to:</p> <p>note the spending forecasts summarised at Table 1 of the report, and;</p> <p>request a briefing note on the history behind the series of mercury abatement works in the capital programme.</p>
5.1.7	Report title:	<p>Work Programme</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note and identify items for inclusion in the work programme (Appendix 1 to the report); b) add to the work programme for the October meeting the Housing Strategy and the Housing Allocations Policy and Tenancy Strategy for pre-decision scrutiny prior to consideration by Cabinet on 20 November; c) consider at the next agenda planning meeting the timing of a report on Brexit, with the scope as detailed above, and; d) note the work programmes of all overview and scrutiny committees (Appendix 2 to the report).

6.	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
6.1	<u>3 October</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=4313	
	Report title:	Kent and Medway Stroke Review – Identification of Preferred Option
The above report was considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 3 October 2018 and is listed here to enable the Council to discuss any issues arising at this meeting as the minutes are not yet available.		
7.	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
7.1	<u>4 October</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&MId=4084&Ver=4	
7.1.1	Report title:	Member’s Item: Special Educational Needs (SEN) Transport
7.1.2	Report title:	Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Annual Report 2017-18
7.1.3	Report title:	Employment Opportunities for 18-25 Year Olds (Including Apprenticeships) – Progress Report
7.1.4	Report title:	Early Help and Targeted Services
7.1.5	Report title:	Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 1 2018/19
7.1.6	Report title:	Work Programme
The above reports were considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 4 October 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.