

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 25 April 2019.

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>6 June</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&Mid=4394&Ver=4	
2.1.1	Report title:	Tackling Racism in Medway Outcome: The Committee noted the report and requested officers to provide figures relating to the number of calls by children and young people to the victim support service.
2.1.2	Report title:	Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Update Report Outcome: The Committee noted the report and requested that the figure of children and young people placed in out of area provision be circulated to the Committee.

2.1.3	Report title:	<p>Medway Youth Council – Annual Report</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and thanked the outgoing MYC Chair for his work with MYC and his contributions to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>
2.1.4	Report title:	<p>Work programme</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The committee agreed the work programme, as attached at Appendix 1, subject to the following being added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Children and Young People’s Plan – outcome of consultation (25 July 2019 meeting) • Council Response to LGO Complaint re Mainstream Home to School Transport Decision and Policy (25 July 2019 meeting) • Grammar School Places – a report to scrutinise the issues around the impact of out of area students gaining places at Medway Grammar Schools and the implications around out of area children applying to sit the Medway Test (date to be advised), • Update on the Children’s Services contract with Medway Community Healthcare (date to be advised) • Update on the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service contract with NELFT (date to be advised) • Consultation on the proposals by Leigh Academies Trust to amalgamate Stoke Primary Academy and Allhallows Primary Academy on the Allhallows site.(25 July 2019 meeting) • Demonstration of the Mind of My Own (MOMO) app (date to be advised) • 2019 Annual Review of the School Place Planning Strategy 2018-22 (date to be advised) • Medway Looked After Children and what is being done by the Virtual Head Teacher to break down the barriers to educational attainment (date to be advised).

3.	Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
3.1	<u>13 June</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=437&Mid=4420&Ver=4	
3.1.1	Report title:	<p>Member's item: Strood Development Works</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) thanked both Councillor Hubbard and Mr Haywood for attending the meeting and representing resident's concerns as to the Strood Development Works. b) noted that the Head of Planning will be organising a meeting with Mr Haywood and relevant officers of the Council to discuss resident's concerns and that invitations will also be sent to the Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson of this Committee, Councillor Steve Iles as Ward Councillor and both Site Managers. The outcome of the meeting be conveyed to Members of the Committee by way of a briefing note. c) noted that information concerning noise and vibration recordings will be made available at the meeting referred to at b) above. d) noted that the Head of Planning has agreed to identify a single point of contact at the Council for residents concerning the Strood Development Works and that he will also progress a single point of contact for residents at both development sites. e) noted that officers will facilitate a meeting as soon as possible between Moat and Orbit Housing Associations and residents concerning discussions to date and any future plans for Kingswear Gardens and the outcome of such meeting be reported to the Committee. f) noted that the expenditure of Local Growth Fund grants from the Local Enterprise Partnership, along with outcomes and objectives are monitored by the Kent and Medway Economic Partnership and agreed that monitoring reports for the Strood Development Works will be shared informally with the Committee. g) agreed that a briefing note be supplied to the Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson on the action points arising from this meeting in advance of the meeting with Mr Haywood.

3.1.2	Report title:	<p>Household Waste Recycling Centres: Response to Kent County Council Policy Change</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted that no charges will be made to Medway residents for using Medway’s HWRCs and that Medway’s sites will continue to be accessible to all Kent residents from 3 June 2019 as set out in option 4 in the report until such time that KCC has built a new facility, which is likely to be within a period of 12 – 18 months. All costs incurred by Kent residents will be fully recouped from KCC.</p>
3.1.3	Report title:	<p>Update on CCTV Audit</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) noted the positive progress made on the CCTV improvement programme as it draws to a close. b) agreed that the Committee receive a briefing note setting out information as to the re-negotiated contract with MCG once this had been finalised. c) agreed that subject to the agreement of the Portfolio Holder, Members be provided with a Briefing Note setting out information as to CCTV cameras in their Wards, it being noted that this information must be treated as confidential and therefore not shared or circulated. d) agreed that further information on Priority 4 of the CCTV Improvement Programme be provided to the Committee by way of a Briefing Note.
3.1.4	Report title:	<p>Petitions</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the petition responses and appropriate officer action in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report.</p>
3.1.5	Report title:	<p>Work Programme</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>

4.	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
4.1	<u>18 June</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&Mid=4401&Ver=4	
4.1.1	Report title:	All Age Eating Disorder Service Update Outcome: The Committee noted and commented on the report and requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) That consideration be given to establishing the provision of specialist eating disorder inpatient provision within Medway. ii) That an update be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.
4.1.2	Report title:	South East Coast Ambulance Update Outcome: The Committee noted and commented on the update provided and agreed that a further update be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.
4.1.3	Report title:	Variation in Provision of Health Service - Improving Outpatient Service in Medway and Swale in Line with the Medway Model and Community Service Redesign Outcome: The Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Considered and commented on the report and proposed development or variation to the health service, as set out in the report and Appendices 1 and 2. ii) Noted and supported the proposed patient engagement activity as part of the programme for improving the outpatient service in Medway and Swale. iii) Agreed that a further update on outpatient services be added to the Work Programme for the October 2019 meeting.

4.1.4	Report title:	<p>Dermatology Services</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted and commented on the report, agreed that a further update be brought to the next meeting of the Committee and agreed that representatives of Medway Foundation Trust be asked to attend.</p>
4.1.5	Report title:	<p>Suicide Prevention Update</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Noted and commented on the update on the suicide prevention programme. ii) Requested that a demographic breakdown of the calls made by Medway residents to the Suicide Prevention Helpline be circulated to the Committee. iii) Requested that officers engage with universities to consider the scope for informing family members where serious concerns for a student's welfare had been identified.
4.1.6	Report title:	<p>Medway, North and West Kent CCGs Operating Plan 2019/20</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee considered and commented on the Operating Plan, as set out in this report and Appendix 1 and requested that a written update be provided on the development of the Healthy Living Centres.</p>
4.1.7	Report title:	<p>Work Programme</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Considered and agreed the Work Programme, including the changes set out in the report. ii) Asked that the Healthwatch Medway representative request that Healthwatch Kent provide a written response to the Committee to explain comments made at the Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Kent and Medway Stroke Review.

		<p>iii) Agreed the following additional changes to the Work Programme:</p> <p>a) That an update on eating disorders be added to the Work Programme for a future meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>b) That an update from South East Coast SECAMb be added to the Work Programme for a future meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>c) That an update on the redesign of outpatient services be added to the Work Programme for the October 2019 meeting.</p> <p>d) That a report on the Dermatology Service be added to the Work Programme for the August 2019 meeting and that a representative of Medway Foundation Trust be asked to attend.</p>
5.	Business Support Overview And Scrutiny Committee	
5.1	<p><u>4 July</u></p> <p>https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=4426&Ver=4</p>	
5.1.1	Report title:	Medway Nurse Update
5.1.2	Report title:	Voluntary and Community Sector
5.1.3	Report title:	Scrutiny of Risk and Commercialisation
5.1.4	Report title:	New Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities
5.1.5	Report title:	Sponsorship of Gillingham Football Club
5.1.6	Report title:	Petitions
5.1.7	Report title:	Work Programme
<p>The above reports were considered by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 4 July 2019 and are listed here to enable the Council to discuss any issues arising at this meeting as the minutes are not yet available.</p>		

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Appendices

None.

Background papers

None.