

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 23 April 2020.

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>2 June 2020</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=378&Mid=4689&Ver=4	
2.1.1	Report title:	Ofsted Update Report - Children's Services in Medway Outcome: The Committee noted the report and requested a report on the Edge of Care and Adolescent Services and that a staff survey for Children's Services staff be developed and delivered and reported back to the Committee in due course. Councillors Cooper, Howcroft-Scott and Johnson requested that their votes in favour of the decision be recorded.

2.1.2	Report title:	<p>Medway Youth Justice Partnership Strategic Plan for 2020 - 2023</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Committee recommended Cabinet to recommend Full Council to approve the Medway Youth Justice Partnership Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023, including its accompanying delivery plan (Appendix A to the Strategic Plan) all underpinned by the use of a public health approach. 2) The Committee recommended Cabinet to recommend Full Council to agree that reducing reoffending and custody rates should be a major priority for all Members as well as the Youth Justice Partnership Board. 3) The Committee agreed to receive a report on the outcome of the HMIP Inspection of the Medway Youth Offending Team at a later meeting. <p>Councillors Cooper, Howcroft-Scott and Johnson requested that their votes in favour of the decisions be recorded.</p>
2.1.3	Report title:	<p>Medway Youth Council Annual Conference Report</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee thanked Medway Youth Council for the report and recommended that it be reported to full Council and the Climate Change Advisory Group.</p> <p>Councillors Cooper, Howcroft-Scott and Johnson requested that their votes in favour of the decisions be recorded.</p>
2.1.4	Report title:	<p>Work programme</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed the work programme as set out at Appendix A to the report, subject to the addition of a report on how services relevant to the remit of this Committee had been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. • noted the update in relation to additional scrutiny activity set out at section 5 of the report. • requested officers to feedback to the Committee, via the next agenda-planning meeting, in relation to the scheduling of reports on surge classes and on grammar school places.

		Councillors Cooper, Howcroft-Scott and Johnson requested that their votes in favour of the above decision be recorded.
3.	Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
3.1	<u>11 June 2020</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=437&MId=4761&Ver=4	
3.1.1	Report title:	<p>Community Safety Plan 2020 - 2024</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) thanked the Community Safety Partnership for attending the meeting and answering questions on the Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2024.</p> <p>b) suggested that the proposed 2020 – 2024 Plan would benefit from the provision of a bridging section between the 2016 and 2020 Plan and the current proposed Plan setting out successes and identifying areas that continued to require attention or improvement.</p> <p>c) requested that future reports to this Committee include analytical data across the board, not just related to the COVID-19 pandemic and a results comparison so as to enable the Committee to undertaken meaningful scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>d) noted that the proposed Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2024 will be considered by Cabinet on 7 July 2020 and be determined by Council on 16 July 2020.</p> <p>In accordance with rule 12.6 of Chapter 4 of the Council's Constitution, Councillors Curry and Andy Stamp requested that their abstention from voting be recorded.</p>
3.1.2	Report title:	<p>Annual Review of Waste Contracts - Contract Year: October 2018 to September 2019</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) noted the contents of the report including the annual Service Reports set out at Appendices 1 and 2.</p> <p>b) noted that the draft Recycling Plan will be submitted to this Committee at a future date for consideration.</p>

		c) noted that consideration will be given to the timing of the Annual Review of the Waste Contracts report when considering the work programme.
3.1.3	Report title:	<p>Work programme</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>a) noted its current work programme;</p> <p>b) agreed the proposed approach to the scrutiny of SELEP as set in section 4 of the report.</p> <p>c) noted that the scheduling of the Annual Review of the Waste Contracts into the Committee's work programme will be considered at a future pre-agenda meeting.</p>
4.	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
4.1	<p><u>16 June 2020</u></p> <p>https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&Mid=4767&Ver=4</p>	
4.1.1	Report title:	<p>Medway NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) Progress Report and Improvement Priorities</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>i) Noted and commented on the report provided by Medway NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>ii) Agreed for a letter to be sent to Medway Foundation Trust, on behalf of the Committee, thanking staff at the hospital for their work, particularly in relation to Covid-19.</p> <p>iii) Agreed for a letter to be sent to Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group, on behalf of the Committee, to express the Committee's significant concern that no one from the CCG had attended the Committee meeting.</p>
4.1.2	Report title:	<p>Covid-19 Support to Care Homes</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>The Committee noted the report provided and thanked Adult Social Care staff for their work.</p>

4.1.3	Report title:	Work programme Outcome: The Committee agreed changes to the Work Programme as discussed and set out in paragraph 3 of the report, subject to the Work Programme being reviewed as necessary.
5.	Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
5.1	<u>2 July 2020</u> https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&Mid=4803&Ver=4	
5.1.1	Report title:	Petitions
5.1.2	Report title:	Medway Norse Update
5.1.3	Report title:	Housing Enforcement and Licensing Policy 2020
5.1.4	Report title:	Member's Item - Selective Licensing
5.1.5	Report title:	Revenue and Capital Budget Outturn 2019/20
5.1.6	Report title:	Voluntary Sector Task Group
5.1.7	Report title:	Work Programme
<p>The above reports were due to be considered by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 2 July 2020 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