

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 16 July 2020.

1. Budget and policy 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 – 23 July 2020

2.1. Medway Safeguarding Children Partnership (MSCP) Update Report

Outcome:

The Committee noted the report and requested that an in-depth report regarding domestic abuse be added to the Committee's work programme.

(Councillors Johnson, Osborne and Chrissy Stamp requested that their votes in favour of the decision be recorded.)

2.2. HMIP Inspection of Youth Offending Team (YOT)

Outcome:

The Committee noted the report.

(Councillors Johnson, Osborne and Chrissy Stamp requested that their votes in favour of the decision be recorded.)

2.3. Covid-19 - Impact and Response

Outcome:

The Committee noted the report and requested a report to a future meeting on the impact of the pandemic and lockdown on children and young people, particularly in relation to mental wellbeing, development and digital poverty.

(Councillors Johnson, Osborne and Chrissy Stamp requested that their votes in favour of the decision be recorded).

2.4. Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Risk Register Quarter 4 and End of Year 2019/20

Outcome:

The Committee noted the report and requested a report on the workforce development strategies relating to social worker recruitment and retention and requested a briefing note updating Members on the action being taken to address children who were not in education, employment or training.

(Councillors Johnson, Osborne and Chrissy Stamp requested that their votes in favour of the decision be recorded).

2.5. Work programme

Outcome:

The Committee noted the report and the actions by officers to address the outstanding items on the work programme.

(Councillors Johnson, Osborne and Chrissy Stamp requested their votes in favour of the decision be recorded).

3. Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 13 August 2020

3.1. Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Business Management

Outcome:

The Committee thanked the Portfolio Holder for Business Management for attending the meeting and:

- a) noted that information on the new Community Warden Structure will be circulated to all Members by Monday 17 August 2020 along with contact information for the public.

- b) noted that the Portfolio Holder will follow up with the Emergency Planning Manager the completion of the re-write of the External Emergency Plans for Grain's Upper Tier Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH).
- c) noted the current position with regard to the SS Richard Montgomery and that discussions are ongoing with Emergency Planning, MPs and the Ministry of Defence.
- d) agreed that a briefing note will be circulated in October/November on the implementation of the Heatwave and Emergency Plan covering June – September 2020.
- e) agreed that a briefing note will be circulated on the take up of the "Tell Us Once" service.

3.2. Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Risk Register Quarter 4 and End of Year 2019/20

Outcome:

The Committee:

- a) noted the Quarter 4 2019/20 performance against the measures used to monitor progress against the Council's priorities.
- b) noted that the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive will arrange to provide information to the Member direct as to the location of a Scheduled Ancient Monument on Jacksons Recreation Ground which had resulted in proposals to revisit the route of an access path for University students.
- c) noted that the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive will ask officers to investigate the issue of litter accumulation on the public footpath entrance to Ranscombe Farm.
- d) noted that the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive will set up a meeting between the Member concerned and the Head of Business Intelligence to discuss the format and content and statistical element of the Performance Monitoring report.
- e) noted that update reports will be included on the agenda of this Committee informing the Committee of the progress of future development on the Peninsula.

In accordance with rule 12.6 of Chapter 4 of the Council's Constitution, Councillors Browne, Hubbard and Mahil requested that their votes in favour be recorded.

3.3. Petitions

Outcome:

The Committee noted the petition response set out in paragraph 3 of the report.

In accordance with rule 12.6 of Chapter 4 of the Council's Constitution, Councillors Hubbard and Mahil requested that their votes in favour be recorded.

3.4. Work Programme

Outcome:

The Committee:

- a) noted its current work programme;
- b) agreed that the Cultural Strategy be included on the Committee's agenda for 3 December 2020.

In accordance with rule 12.6 of Chapter 4 of the Council's Constitution, Councillors Browne and Hubbard requested that their votes in favour be recorded.

4. Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 18 August 2020

4.1. Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group Update

Outcome:

The Committee:

- i) Noted and commented on the report.
- ii) Requested that a briefing note be provided to the Committee in relation to digital engagement / consultation, including numbers participating and a summary of groups unable to participate, with a view to a future update being added to the Committee Work Programme.

4.2. Developing Medway and Swale Integrated Care Partnership

Outcome:

The Committee noted and commented on the report and requested that a briefing note be provided to the Committee in relation to Care Wheel pilot areas.

4.3. Covid-19 Response and Restart of NHS Services

Outcome:

The Committee noted and commented on the report and requested that a further update be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

4.4. Primary Care Update – Medway

Outcome:

The Committee noted and commented on the report, requested that a future update to the Committee contained the details set out in the minutes and requested that a briefing note be provided containing statistics in relation to telephone appointments for the GP surgeries previously run by DMC Healthcare.

4.5. Dermatology Briefing

Outcome:

The Committee noted and commented on the report and requested that Kent and Medway CCG update it regularly on the development of the dermatology service.

4.6. Work Programme

Outcome:

The Committee:

- i) Agreed changes to the Work Programme as set out in paragraph 3 of the report and agreed during the meeting.
- ii) Agreed that reports on the Covid-19 home response in care homes; a Healthwatch report in relation to support for care homes and; Care in the Community be added to the Committee Work Programme for consideration at a future meeting.

5. Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 20 August 2020

5.1. Covid 19 recovery

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to note the Council's role in the recovery phase of the Covid-19 pandemic.

(In accordance with Council Rule 12.6, Councillors Khan, Maple and Murray asked that their votes in favour be recorded.)

5.2. Attendance of the Leader of the Council

The Committee agreed to thank the Leader for his attendance and to note the report.

(In accordance with Council Rule 12.6, Councillors Khan, Maple and Murray asked that their votes in favour be recorded.)

5.3. Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Risk Register Quarter 4 and End of Year 2019/20

The Committee agreed to:

a) note the Q4 2019/20 performance against the measures used to monitor progress against the Council's priorities.

b) to note that during Q4 19/20 risks have been managed through the Council's Emergency Planning process, and

c) note that the Strategic Risk Management Group resumed monitoring strategic risks during quarter 1 20/21.

(In accordance with Council Rule 12.6, Councillors Khan, Maple and Murray asked that their votes in favour be recorded.)

5.4. Remote Meetings

The Committee agreed to note the report.

(In accordance with Council Rule 12.6, Councillors Khan, Maple and Murray asked that their votes in favour be recorded.)

5.5. Work Programme

The Committee agreed to note the Committee's work programme and the work programmes of the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

(In accordance with Council Rule 12.6, Councillors Khan, Maple and Murray asked that their votes in favour be recorded.)

6. Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1 October 2020

6.1. The following reports were due to be considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 1 October 2020 and are listed here to enable the Council to discuss any issues arising at this meeting as the minutes are not yet available:

- 6.2. Update on Children who are not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET)
- 6.3. Update on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Capital Programme and Future Provision in Medway
- 6.4. Complaints and Compliments Annual Report 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020
- 6.5. Report on Ofsted Monitoring Visit
- 6.6. Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 1 2020/21
- 6.7. Work Programme

7. Contact for further details

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8. Appendices

None

9. Background papers

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