

COUNCIL

20 JULY 2023

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 20 April 2023.

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 listed under background papers.

2. Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14 June 2023

2.1. Medway Youth Justice Plan 2023-24

Outcome:

- i) The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the Medway Youth Justice Plan 2023-24 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.
- ii) The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended Cabinet to recommend Full Council to approve the Medway Youth Justice Plan 2023-24 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

2.2. Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Strategic Risk Summary Quarter 4 2022/23

Outcome:

The Committee noted the Q4 2022/23 performance against the measures used to monitor progress against the Council's priorities and the amended risk register as set out in appendix 2 to the report.

2.3. People Directorate Risk Register Summary

Outcome:

The Committee noted the report.

2.4. Meeting Theme: Public Health

2.5. Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme

Outcome:

The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted this report.

2.6. Infant Feeding Strategy

Outcome:

The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted this report.

2.7. Child Obesity

Outcome:

The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted this report.

2.8. Work Programme

The Committee agreed to:

- a) Note the work programme as set out in appendix 1 to the work programme report.
- b) Note the business considered by the Committee during 2019-23 as outlined in appendix 2 to the report.
- c) Note the recommendations as set out in appendix 3 of the Committee way of working report of 2 March 2023.

3. Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 June 2023

3.1. Petitions

Outcome:

The Committee:

- a) Noted the petition responses and appropriate officer action in paragraph 3 of the report.
- b) Considered the petition referral request in paragraph 4 and the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive's response.
- c) Requested a feasibility study in relation to parking accessibility for residents on Baron Close and Pier Road, including a review of the use of the garages. This would be undertaken in consultation with ward councillors and the petitioner.

3.2. Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Strategic Risk Summary Quarter 4 2022/23

Outcome:

The Committee:

- a) Noted the Q4 2022/23 performance against the measures used to monitor progress against the Council's priorities and considered the Strategic Risk Summary.
- b) Requested a briefing note on the Citizens Panel including a breakdown of the satisfaction data for parks and open spaces by ward.
- c) Requested that the sequencing of road sweeping and refuse collection schedules be looked at in more detail.
- d) Asked to receive a breakdown of data on the number of fly tipping prosecutions.
- e) Requested an update on the reason for the delay in receiving the S106 Funded Park Improvements funding relating to The Esplanade and Jacksons Field.
- f) Asked to receive the rationale for the selection of the location for the anti-idling project.

- g) Requested data on the quality and sustainability of the jobs created in relation to the Number of Jobs Created and Safeguarded (Cumulative) performance indicator.
- h) Requested a briefing note on progress regarding the Bus Service Improvement Plan and further information on the metrics and 5 routes used for the 'Getting around Medway' performance indicators.
- i) Requested a one-page summary collating all of the relevant performance indicators codes.

3.3. Work programme

Outcome:

The Committee agreed the proposed work programme, set out in Appendix A to the report, including the addition of a report on Building Control Surveys, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

4. Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 20 June 2023

4.1. Section 136 Pathway and Health-Based Place of Safety Service Improvement

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to:

- a) note the consultation on the proposed health-based places of safety (HBPoS), to be taken into account in the Decision-Making Business Case (DMBC) to support and inform the decision making within the Integrated Care Board.
- b) request a briefing paper showing the percentage of Medway users of each mental health service.
- c) request an update on the wider mental health transformation programme in Medway to a future meeting.
- d) welcome the decision of the Integrated Care Board to use a private mental health ambulance service and recommended this as the preferred model, so as not to increase pressure on SECamb.

4.2. Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board - Community Dermatology Services Procurement Options

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to note the report and request a further report when the procurement process had concluded, including Medway specific data.

4.3. Medway NHS Foundation Trust - Quality Account 2022/23

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to:

- a) approve the draft response to Medway NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account, as set out in paragraph 3 of the report but as amended above.
- b) re-affirm the delegation to the Director of People to agree responses to Quality Accounts, following consultation with the Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokespersons, where the timings do not allow the Committee to agree a response.
- c) request that the next update to the Committee from the Trust include data on discharges.

4.4. Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Strategic Risk Summary Quarter 4 2022/23

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to note the Quarter 4 2022/23 performance against the measures used to monitor progress against the Council's priorities and to also note the amended Strategic Risk Summary as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

4.5. Work programme

Outcome:

The Committee agreed to:

- a) note the report and agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to accepting the proposed changes, outlined in italic text on Appendix 1.
- b) note the business considered by the Committee during 2019-2023 as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report.
- c) request a briefing paper be provided on the number of people in Medway subject to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) arrangements.
- d) hold an online event with key health partners so that Members, particularly new councillors, can gain a better understanding of how the Council worked and interacted with partners.

5. Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 July 2023

- 5.1. The following reports were due to be considered by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 13 July 2023 and are listed here to enable the Council to discuss any issues arising at this meeting as the minutes are not yet available:
- 5.2. Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report & Strategic Risk Summary Quarter 4 2022/23
- 5.3. Revenue and Capital Budget Outturn and Annual Write Off Report 2022/23
- 5.4. Employee Survey 2022
- 5.5. Work programme

6. Recommendation

- 6.1. It is recommended that Council notes the report in relation to Overview and Scrutiny activity.

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Appendices

None

Background papers

[Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14 June 2023](#)

[Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 June 2023](#)

[Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 20 June 2023](#)

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