

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2017 to March 2018

Select Committee: Culture and Communities

Report of Chairman: Councillor Anna McNair Scott

Light Touch Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored: None in this period

Statutory Duties Undertaken: Not applicable to this committee

Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:

Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations in Hampshire 2018/2019

In November 2017 the Select Committee considered the proposed major grant funding for cultural and community organisations in Hampshire for 2018/19. The Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Member for Culture Recreation and Countryside.

Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions: None in this period

Referrals: None in this period

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

2018/19 Revenue Budget for Culture, Recreation and Countryside

The revenue budget for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for 2018/19 outlined the overall County Council financial position, and reviewed the savings made as part of 'Transformation to 2019'. The position in relation to the local government grant settlement was reviewed, as well as other budget-related matters. The priorities of the services were highlighted for the coming year. Members resolved to support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside.

Policy Review: None in this period

Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- Country Parks Transformation Programme
- Energise Me update
- Future Management of the Countryside Estate
- Hampshire Cultural Trust update
- Basingstoke Canal – Future Direction
- Library Strategy to 2020

Upcoming topics: The following topics feature on the Select Committee's Work Programme:

- Records Office and Archiving update
- Energise Me Update
- Revenue and Capital budgets 2019/20
- Hampshire Cultural Trust update