

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2017 to March 2018

Select Committee: Policy and Resources

Report of Chairman: Councillor Jonathan Glen

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

Statutory Duties Undertaken:

Crime and Disorder - This Select Committee has the remit to cover the statutory duty to scrutinise Crime and Disorder issues as per the Police and Justice Act 2006 (However, this does not cover the Police and Crime Commissioner, who is held to account by the Police and Crime Panel). At the November 2017 meeting, the Select Committee considered crime and disorder issues. The Select Committee received an update on Phase Two (2015-20) of Hampshire's Supporting Families Programme (SFP), part of the national Troubled Families Programme.

Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions: None this period

Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions: None this period

Referrals: None this period

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

End of Year Financial Report – At the June 2017 meeting the Select Committee considered the 2016/17 End of Year Financial Report

Transformation to 2019 – At the June 2017 meeting the Select Committee considered a report setting out the overall Transformation to 2019 Programme. The Select Committee made a recommendation to Cabinet to lobby central government to re-consider the austerity measures impacting on local government. At the September 2017 meeting the Select Committee considered the Transformation to 2019 revenue savings proposals for the Policy & Resources budgets prior to decision by the Executive Member for Policy & Resources. Following debate the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member.

Annual Corporate Performance Report – At the June 2017 meeting the Select Committee considered the Shaping Hampshire 2016/17 Year End Performance Report. The number of people killed or seriously injured on Hampshire roads was identified as a performance concern, and the Select Committee referred this issue to the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee for further consideration.

Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan for 2017 To 2021 – At the June 2017 meeting the Select Committee considered the Strategic Plan for the period of this administration.

Medium Term Financial Strategy – at the November 2017 meeting the Select Committee received an update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy

Budget Setting – At the January 2018 meeting the Select Committee considered a report on budget setting and provisional cash limits for 2018/19 that had been considered by Cabinet in December 2017.

Revenue Budget for Policy and Resources for 2018/19 and the Proposed Capital Programme for Policy and Resources for 2018/19 to 2020/21– At the January 2018 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposed revenue budget for policy and resources for 2018/19 and the proposed capital programme for policy and resources for 2018/19 to 2020/21. Following debate the proposals were supported to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

Policy Review: None this period

Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- *Introduction to Scrutiny* – at the June 2017 meeting the Select Committee received a presentation on scrutiny, as it was the first meeting of the Committee in a new administration
- *Annual IT Update* – at the January 2018 meeting the Select Committee received an update on IT developments
- *Trading Standards* – at the January 2018 meeting the Select Committee received a presentation on how the Trading Standards Service was approaching making savings under Transformation to 2019, as requested by the Select Committee when the Policy & Resources Transformation to 2019 savings were considered

Management of the Scrutiny Function/Oversight of Other Scrutiny Committees:

The Policy & Resources Select Committee has a remit to manage the work taking place across the scrutiny function. One of the ways this is achieved is through oversight of proposals to establish task and finish groups by other Select Committees.

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

- Annual Corporate Performance Review
- Annual Budget Scrutiny
- Annual IT Update
- Annual Crime and Disorder Scrutiny
- Transformation to 2019 monitoring