

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
**Policy and Resources Select Committee**

PART II

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides an annual update on the work of the following Hampshire County Council Select Committees from April 2021 to March 2022: Children & Young People Select Committee, Culture & Communities Select Committee, Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee and Policy & Resources Select Committee. The work of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee is reported elsewhere on this agenda.

**2. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE**

- 2.1. **Chairman for this period:** Councillor Kirsty North
- 2.2. **Statutory Duties Undertaken:** Not applicable to this Committee.
- 2.3. **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**

Savings Programme to 2023 - Revenue Savings Proposals (September 21)

In September 2021, the Select Committee considered the proposed changes within the Children's Services Department that had been developed as part of the Savings Programme to 2023. Following debate, The Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.

- 2.4. **Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:** None in this period

- 2.5. **Reviews undertaken/outcomes being monitored:**

Update on Autism Services Commissioning for Children and Young People in Hampshire (November 21/Regular)

Following an update received in September 2020, regular written updates were requested by the Select Committee for future meetings on progress made towards improving Autism services for children and young people in Hampshire. In addition, a full update was received in November 21. While this assured the Select Committee that progress had been made, there remained outstanding issues to solve and further steps for the project to ensure further success.

- 2.6. **Referrals:** None in this period

- 2.7. **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

2022/23 Revenue Budget Report for Children's Services (January 22)

At the January 2022 meeting, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2022/23 budget proposals for Children's Services. Following debate, the Select

Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.

Children's Services Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25 (January 22)

At the January 2022 meeting, the Select Committee also pre-scrutinised the

2022/23 to 2024/25 Capital Programme proposals for Children's Services.

Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.

2.8. **Policy Review:** None this period

2.9. **Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

The Select Committee received items on the following issues:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Update (September 21)
- Fostering Update (September 21)
- Annual Safeguarding Report – Children's Services 2020-21 (November 21)
- Holiday Activities and Food Programme - Summer Delivery (November 21)
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 0-25 Update Report - SEN Performance and Joint Working (November 21)
- Attainment of Children and Young People in Hampshire Schools during the 2020/21 Academic Year (January 22)
- Elective Home Education (January 22)

**3. CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE**

3.1. **Chairman for this period:** Councillor Rob Mocatta

3.2. **Statutory Duties Undertaken:** Not applicable to this Committee

3.3. **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**

Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals

In September 2021, the Select Committee considered the proposed changes for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs services within the Culture, Communities and Business Services Department that had been developed as part of the Savings Programme to 2023 Programme. The Committee supported the recommendation to the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs. The Committee also acknowledged that Income Generation posed the most significant risk to achieving the savings programme, and a proposal for a Task and Finish group to monitor this would be developed and considered.

3.4. **Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:** None in this period

**3.5. Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:**

**Income Generation Task and Finish Group**

In November 2021, the Select Committee resolved to set up a Task and Finish group to examine Income Generation for those services within the Culture, Communities and Business Services Department, that lie within the remit of the Culture and Communities Select Committee in the context of the SP23 programme. A cross party group of members was established, and the first meeting was held in January 2022. The work of the Task and Finish group has been ongoing with regular meetings being held.

**3.6. Referrals:** None in this period

**3.7. Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

2022/23 Revenue Budget proposals

At the January 2022 meeting, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2022/23 budget proposals for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs services. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs.

**3.8. Policy Review:** None in this period

**3.9. Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- Hampshire Cultural Trust
- Cultural Strategy
- Arts Council England Overall Delivery Plan
- Library Service
- Outdoor Education Service
- Registration Service
- Hampshire Archives and Records

**4. ECONOMY TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE**

**4.1. Chairman for this period:** Councillor Stephen Philpott

**4.2. Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:**

- Government Consultation on Regulatory Review of Zero Emissions Vehicles (November 2021) - The Select Committee received a report on progress on the County Council's draft response to the Government's consultation on a regulatory review of zero emission vehicles and in particular the recharging of electric vehicles (EV).

- Environment Bill Update (November 2021) - The Select Committee received a presentation on the proposals within the Environment Bill.

#### 4.3. **Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

The Committee received items on the following issue:

- Bus Back Better (September 2021) - The Select Committee received a presentation on Bus Back Better.

#### 4.4. **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**

- Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 Programme (July 2021) - The Select Committee received a report on the proposals for each of the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 programme schemes.
- Environment Strategy (July 2021) - The Select Committee received a report that detailed proposals for the preparation of an environment strategy setting out the County Council's environmental principles and priorities in relation to its activities
- Hampshire Highways – Service Update (July 2021) - The Select Committee received a report on proposals for measures being taken to ensure minimum standards of service delivery can be sustained despite the current pressures and challenges facing the County Council's highway maintenance service.
- Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (September 2021) – The Select Committee received a report on the proposals for a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy which sets the strategic direction for the Project Integra partnership.
- HWRC Booking System (January 2022) - The Select Committee received a report on the proposals for the booking system that has been in place at all Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) since June 2020.
- Hampshire Highways – Highway Network Recovery Strategy (March 2022) The Select Committee received a report that detailed proposals for a longer-term strategy for managing and maintaining the highway network in Hampshire in light of additional County Council funding and also improving how the highway maintenance service is delivered.
- Parking – Service Consolidation Efficiencies (March 2022) - The Select Committee received a report on proposals for serving notice on the remaining Traffic Management and Civil Parking Enforcement district agency agreements.
  - School Streets (March 2022) - The Select Committee received a report on proposals for a potential future Hampshire School Streets programme.

#### 4.5. **Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:**

Bikeability Cycle Training (March 2022)

The Select Committee agreed to NOT recommend that the Executive Lead Member for Economy Transport and Environment re-considers his decisions.

On-Street Chargeable Parking – High Street, Lymington (March 2022)

The Select Committee agreed to NOT recommend that the Executive Lead Member for Economy Transport and Environment re-considers his decisions.

Parking – Service Consolidation Efficiencies (March 2022)

The Select Committee agreed to NOT recommend that the Executive Lead Member for Economy Transport and Environment re-considers his decisions.

**4.6. Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

ETE Capital Programme Year End 2020/21 and Quarter 1 2021/22

At the July 2021 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised a high-level summary of progress and delivery within the capital programme and confirmation of the year end position for 2020/21.

Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals

At the September 2021 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the detailed savings proposals for Economy, Transport and Environment that have been developed as part of the Savings Programme to 2023 (SP2023) Programme

ETE Proposed Capital Programme 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

At the January 2022 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2022/23 budget proposals for the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Following the debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

2022/23 Revenue Budget Report for Economy, Transport and Environment.

At the January 2022 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised 2022/23 budget proposals for the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Following the debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

**4.7. Policy Review:**

Task & Finish Group – 20MPH Speed Limit Policy (January 2022)

The Select Committee received a report proposing the establishment of a Task & Finish Group to look at 20mph Speed Limit Policy.

Local Transport Plan 4 (February 2022)

The Select Committee received a report inviting comments on the draft Local Transport Plan 4 before a decision is made to undertake public consultation.

## **5. POLICY AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE**

5.1. **Chairman for this period:** Councillor Jonathan Glen

5.2. **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). In November 2021, the Select Committee received an update on the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group and how it was addressing Hampshire's community safety priorities. In addition, the Committee also received a joint presentation from the Director of Children's Service and Hampshire Constabulary on County Lines and the county-level multi-agency working on exploitation, serious violence and drug related harm through organised crime, including how this related to concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in local communities.

5.3. **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:** None in this period.

5.4. **Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:** None this period

5.5. **Referrals:** None this period

5.6. **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

### Serving Hampshire – 2020/21 Year End Performance Report

In June 2021, the Select Committee considered the Serving Hampshire – 2020/21 Year End Performance Report.

### Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan 2021-2025 and Corporate Performance Management Framework

In June 2021, the Select Committee received Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan for 2021-2025, and its accompanying corporate Performance Management Framework.

### Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals

At the September 2021 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the detailed savings proposals for Corporate Services, Emergency Planning, Property and Health and Safety that had been developed as part of the Savings Programme to 2023 (SP2023) Programme.

### Revenue Budget reports for Corporate Services and Culture, Communities and Business Services (incl Corporate Health and Safety and Emergency Planning)

for 2022/23 and the Capital Programme for Culture, Communities and Business Services for 2022/23 to 2024/25

At the January 2022 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposed Revenue Budget for Corporate Services and Culture, Communities and Business Services (incl Corporate Health and Safety and Emergency Planning) for 2022/23 and the proposed Capital Programme for Culture, Communities and Business Services for 2022/22 to 2024/25.

Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, Executive Member for Performance, Human Resources and Partnerships and Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property respectively.

**5.7. Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

- New Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan for 2021-2025, and its accompanying corporate Performance Management Framework – June 2021
- County Council's approach to consultation and engagement – November 2021
- Annual IT Update – January 2022
- Serving Hampshire - 2021/22 Half Year Performance Report – January 2022

**5.8. 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. This year this was achieved through receiving a summary of activity taking place through the other Select Committees at each meeting.

**6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 Since the period to which this report relates, membership of the Select Committees has changed. Tribute is paid to all Members who played such an important scrutiny role through the Select Committees over the 2021/22 year.

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