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NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting	Policy and Resources Select Committee
Date and Time	Thursday, 4th March, 2021 at 10.00 am
Place	Virtual MS Teams Meeting
Enquiries to	members.services@hants.gov.uk

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FILMING AND BROADCAST NOTIFICATION

This meeting is being held remotely and will be recorded and broadcast live via the County Council's website.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore all Members with a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 6)

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 January 2021.

4. DEPUTATIONS

To receive any deputations notified under Standing Order 12.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements the Chairman may wish to make.

6. UPDATE ON BROADBAND (Pages 7 - 20)

To receive a presentation from County Council officers alongside Openreach giving an update on Broadband matters within Hampshire.

7. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 21 - 28)

To consider the Committee's forthcoming work programme.

ABOUT THIS AGENDA:

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ABOUT THIS MEETING:

The press and public are welcome to observe the public sessions of the meeting via the webcast.

Agenda Item 3

AT A MEETING of the Policy and Resources Select Committee of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 19th January, 2021

Chairman:

* Councillor Jonathan Glen

- * Councillor Adam Carew
- * Councillor Fran Carpenter
- * Councillor Adrian Collett
- * Councillor Andrew Gibson
- * Councillor Roger Huxstep
- * Councillor Peter Latham
- * Councillor Anna McNair Scott
- * Councillor Kirsty North
- * Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
- * Councillor Jackie Porter
- * Councillor Bruce Tennent
- * Councillor Michael Westbrook
- * Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)

* Present

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillor Keith Mans. Leader and Executive Member for Policy and Resources, Councillor Stephen Reid, Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance and Councillor Judith Grajewski, Executive Member for Public Health.

157. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Andrew Gibson attended as the Conservative substitute member.

158. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

159. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed, with the correction that the meeting was held virtually and not at The Castle, Winchester.

160. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

161. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was with much sadness that the Chairman announced the death of Councillor Keith Evans who was the Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Members gave tributes to Councillor Evans and expressed deepest sympathies to his family.

162. **2021/22 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR CORPORATE SERVICES**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) setting out the proposals for the 2021/22 revenue budget for Corporate Services in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

A presentation was provided to summarise the report. Members asked questions for clarification and debated the proposed budget.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources

163. **2021/22 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR CULTURE, COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) setting out the proposals for the 2021/22 revenue budget for Culture, Communities and Business Services in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

A presentation was provided to summarise the report. Members asked questions for clarification and debated the proposed budget.

Members discussed Rural Broadband and an update was given by the Director who advised that a report was due to be presented at its meeting in March. Members requested that Openreach be invited to this meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance.

164. **2021/22 TO 2023/24 CAPITAL PROGRAMME REPORT FOR CCBS**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services, Deputy Chief Executive regarding the 2021/2022 to 2023/24 Capital Programme for the department (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The Director presented the main points of the report and provided a breakdown of the capital programme spend during this time period. It was also reported that the County Council had been successful in receiving a £26.95m grant from Government for its Decarbonisation Schemes (Solar PV and window replacement) and that the results of two further bids totalling £5.6m were still awaited.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance.

165. SERVING HAMPSHIRE – 2020/21 HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive on Serving Hampshire – 2020/21 Half Year Performance (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The Committee were advised that the overall performance measured against Serving Hampshire had been assessed as good during Q1 and Q2. It was acknowledged that sustaining this performance, across a range of core public services, at a time of a major global pandemic represented an extraordinary achievement.

Members were advised that the Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan was due to be refreshed this year and work was underway to develop an updated Plan for 2021-2025. The revised Plan would include strategic priorities identified by the Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry and proposed activity to support Hampshire's recovery and restoration from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Committee were made aware of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) regarding determination of an investigation against the County Council and it was noted that all the recommendations of the LGSCO contained in the report had now been completed.

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted:

- a. The County Council's performance for 2020/21 to date;
- b. Progress to advance inclusion and diversity; and
- c. The determination of the LGSCO

166. ANNUAL IT UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources giving an update on the main IT activity over the past year (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The Director summarised the main points of the report and the priorities ahead. Members heard that IT activity has focussed on leading major transformational programmes including Hantsnet Modern, Office 365 and Telephony Replacement as well as supporting the development roadmap for the Shared Services partnership. The main initiatives being carried out were also highlighted, which included:

- Remote working equipment
- Office 365 mobile apps deployment
- HCC Care home connectivity

It was noted that the Service Desk continued to provide a valued service throughout Covid-19 lockdown during a period of significant change for County Council staff. The Committee were appreciative of work undertaken during this time.

During discussion, a number of questions were answered including:

- Implementation of HPSN3 for schools
- Accreditation against national and international standards

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

167. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report of Director of Transformation and Governance Corporate Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book) regarding the Work Programme.

During discussion, Members asked for the following matters to be brought to a future meeting:

- Openreach
- Hampshire Residents' Forum
- Crime and Disorder – child exploitation and County Lines

RESOLVED

That the Work Programme be agreed with the additional items shown above, timings to be confirmed:

Chairman,

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Front Cover Report

Committee	Policy and Resources Select Committee
Date:	4 March 2021
Title:	Update on Broadband
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the progress of the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme and an overview of the developing Government plans for gigabit coverage. It will include an update from Openreach.

Recommendation

2. That the Policy and Resources Select Committee note the contents of the presentation.

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Update on Broadband

Policy and Resources Select Committee

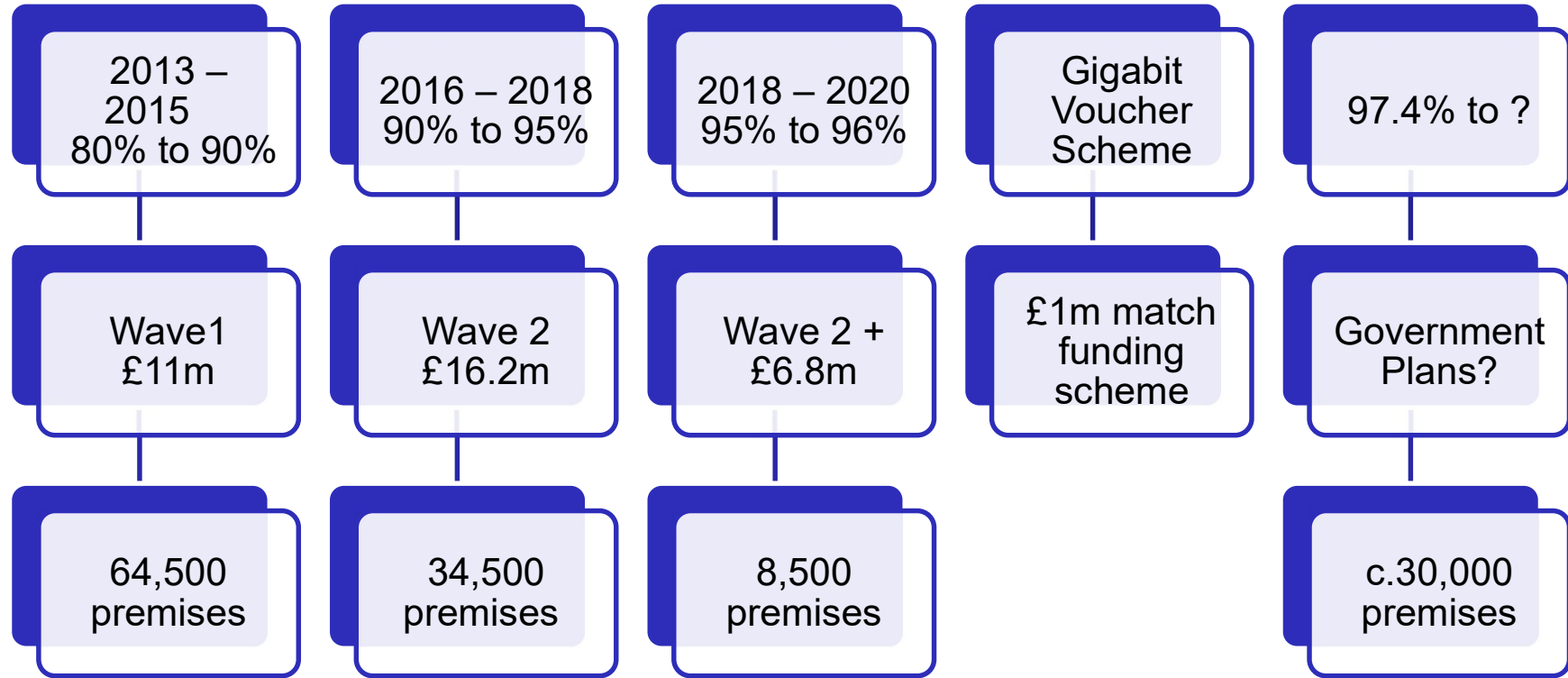
4th March 2021



Ofcom Connected Nations Report - 2020

- Superfast broadband is available to 96% of homes, up from 95% last year.
- Ofcom estimates that around 60% of premises that can get superfast broadband take up the service.
- Full-fibre broadband is available to 5.1 million homes (18%). This is 2.1 million more premises (8 % points) than a year ago and represents the highest year-on-year increase seen so far.
- Gigabit-capable broadband is available to 7.9 million homes (27%)

Hampshire Superfast Programme



Delivery by the Hampshire Superfast Programme

The Superfast programme has delivered:

- 103,117 premises upgraded to speeds above 24Mbps (Not FTTP)
- 11,854 premises upgraded to FTTP

- New Forest
 - c.800 premises left to deliver



Delivery Across Hampshire by District

District	FTTP	Superfast (>24Mbps)	Total
Basingstoke and Deane	1,969	15,530	17,499
East Hampshire	2,192	16,830	19,022
Eastleigh	446	4,420	4,866
Fareham	493	3,006	3,499
Gosport	38	1,981	2,019
Hart	1,233	6,900	8,133
Havant	108	2,369	2,477
New Forest	2,043	22,104	24,147
Rushmoor	28	1,566	1,594
Test Valley	1,573	15,941	17,514
Winchester	1,731	12,470	14,201
Hampshire County Total	11,854	103,117	114,971



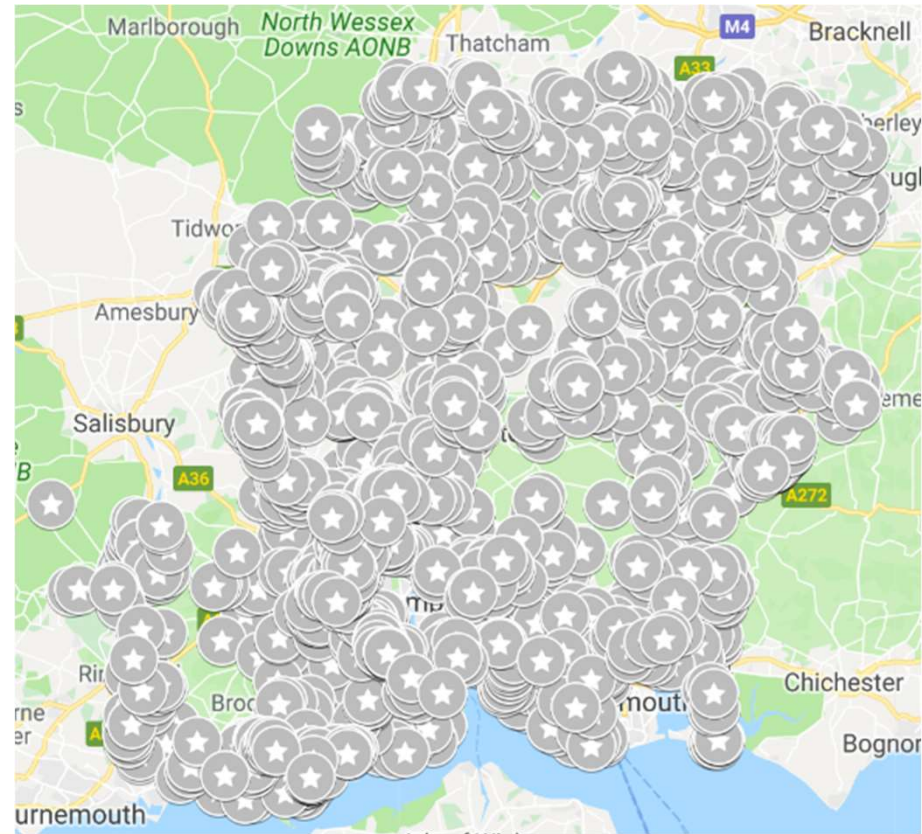
Broadband Provision Across Hampshire

	All Premises	Number of premises with SFBB availability	Number of premises with 100Mbit/s	Number of premises with UFBB availability	Number of premises with Full Fibre availability	Number of premises with Gigabit availability	Number of premises unable to receive 10Mbit/s	Number of premises unable to receive 30Mbit/s
BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE	81,334	78,066	43,348	41,885	15,612	41,718	928	3,171
EAST HAMPSHIRE	57,567	53,189	23,961	21,810	6,358	6,358	782	4,070
EASTLEIGH	60,411	59,006	45,241	39,541	9,189	12,860	59	1,327
FAREHAM	52,634	51,733	45,392	44,073	2,766	2,809	227	844
GOSPORT	38,821	38,680	32,892	32,783	564	564	9	125
HART	44,111	41,818	27,088	27,055	3,833	3,833	477	1,998
HAVANT	57,924	57,229	49,769	49,734	672	672	78	482
NEW FOREST	87,250	81,121	23,127	17,670	8,932	8,961	1,344	5,920
RUSHMOOR	42,861	41,742	34,889	34,775	1,817	1,817	646	1,080
TEST VALLEY	58,947	55,132	38,125	37,555	8,654	9,942	1,227	3,724
WINCHESTER	56,302	51,658	25,584	19,927	4,433	4,435	1,306	4,562
Grand Total	638,162	609,374	389,416	366,808	62,830	93,969	7,083	27,303

Source: Ofcom Connected Nations Report - December 2020

Where are the c.30,000 premises?

- Remaining premises are spread across the county in every parish and district.
- Promoting the government's Rural Gigabit Connectivity Voucher (RGC) to address this.
- Investigating other sources of funding and supply side options.



Gigabit Voucher Scheme

- Government Funding
 - £1,500 per property
 - £3,500 per SME
- HCC Top Up - £1m
 - Additional £1,500 per residential property
- 26 Projects underway
 - 2,868 premises included
 - Total project value £3,310,438
- New scheme expected April 2021

Government plans for 100% gigabit coverage

Problem?

- F20 – 20% of UK premises are not commercially viable to upgrade to gigabit broadband and require a government subsidy
- Hampshire has approximately 633,000 premises so 126,000 in the F20

Cost?

- £5b allocated to Gigabit Broadband funded by HM Treasury
- £1.2b to be spent by 2025 ensuring 85% coverage across UK

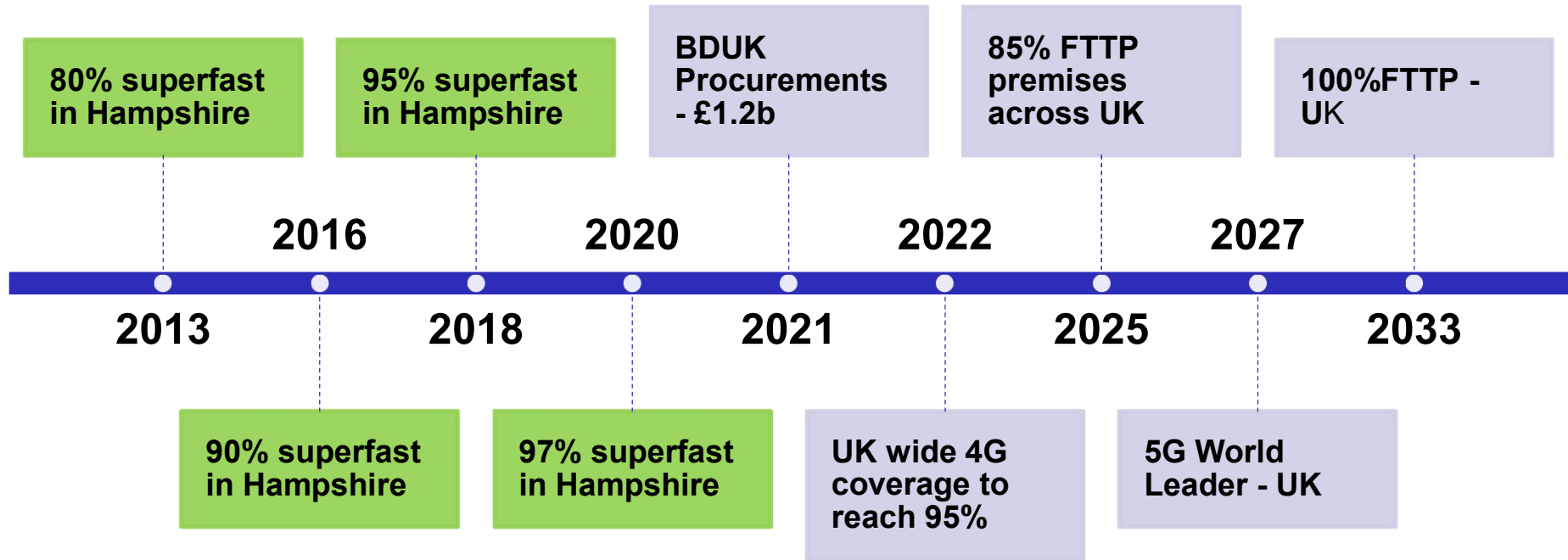
How?

- Supply side interventions via procurements led by BDUK 2021-25
- Voucher Schemes funded and administered by BDUK 2021-25



Building Digital

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Questions ?

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Policy and Resources Select Committee
Date:	4 March 2021
Title:	Work Programme
Report From:	Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

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Purpose of the Report

1. To review and agree the Work Programme for the Policy and Resources Select Committee.

Recommendation

2. That the Committee agrees the Work Programme as attached and makes any amendments as necessary.

REQUIRED CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This is a scrutiny review document setting out the work programme of the Committee. It does not therefore make any proposals which will impact on groups with protected characteristics.

WORK PROGRAMME – POLICY & RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	4 Mar 2021	25 June 2021	24 Sept 2021	19 Nov 2021	21 Jan 2022	3 Mar 2022
Pre-scrutiny	2021/22 Revenue Budget for Corporate Services	To pre-scrutinise the budget proposals for the Policy & Resources portfolio, prior to approval by the Executive Member.	Budget considered annually in January. (in recent years this committee has also received the budget setting item at the January meeting for additional context)					X	
Pre-scrutiny	2021/2022 Revenue and Capital budgets (CCBS)	To pre-scrutinise the budget proposals for the Commercial Services, Human Resources and Performance portfolio, prior to the approval of the Executive Member.	New for Jan 2021					X	
Budget Monitoring		(a) End of Year Financial Report considered at summer meeting, to see how the budget was managed for the year compared to plan. (b) Medium Term Financial Strategy –	(a) Last considered June 2019 (b) MTFS last considered Sept 2020.		x				

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	4 Mar 2021	25 June 2021	24 Sept 2021	19 Nov 2021	21 Jan 2022	3 Mar 2022
		considered when appropriate to provide longer term financial context							
Overview	Covid-19 Financial Update	For the Committee to receive an update regarding the financial impact of the Covid-19 crisis.	presented at the June 2020 mtg and requested a further update in due course						
Overview	Serving Hampshire - Performance	To monitor how performance is managed corporately and consider the performance information to support identification of areas to focus scrutiny.	Members requested to consider the performance report annually. Last received June 2020. Next update expected summer 2021. Mid-year update due Jan 2022.		x				
Overview (Annual Item)	IT developments and issues (including Digital Strategy)	Monitoring contribution of IT to change programmes, major projects (e.g. rural broadband) and policy issues in relation to underpinning council services (e.g. disaster recovery plans)	Update has been considered annually. Last update received Jan 2021, next update due Jan 2022.					X	

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Crime & Disorder (Annual Item for Nov mtg)	Duty to review, scrutinise, and report on the decisions made, and actions taken by 'responsible authorities' under the Crime and Disorder Act.	This duty passed from the Safe & Healthy People Select Committee to this committee in May 2014	Request update on work of Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group plus particular focus topic: domestic abuse - Nov 2015 Prevent - Nov 2016 Supporting Troubled Families - Nov 2017 Child Exploitation - Nov 2018 Reducing Serious Violence - Nov 2019 No focus topic for Nov 2020				x		
Collation of Annual Report of Select Committees	To support oversight of the scrutiny function, and the role of this committee to ensure	The Constitution requires that this committee report to Full Council annually providing a summary of the activity of the select	Last considered at June meeting and submitted to Full Council in July 2020		x				

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activity (Annual Item)	scrutiny activity is having impact and being evaluated.	committees							
Overview (Regular updates)	Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan updates	Requested by Chairman	Last Strategy update received Sept 2020. Action plan to receive when timely. Retain for future meeting						
Overview	Local Enterprise Partnerships	Requested by Chairman	Introductory presentation Nov 2018. Chief Executive of both LEPs gave a presentation to Nov 2020 meeting. Retain for future meeting.						
Consultation Policy	Whether improvements could be made to how the County Council engages with the public. ii) Hampshire Residents Forum	Members were aware of examples of consultations that had not been well received by the public and wanted to review corporate guidance on consultations. (ii) Requested by the Committee at its Jan 2021 mtg to receive a	Working group reported to July 2014 meeting and recommended to Cabinet. Cabinet agreed new policy Feb 2015. Review of implementation April 2016. To retain for future update. (ii) to receive a report on the Forum		X (tbc)				

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	4 Mar 2021	25 June 2021	24 Sept 2021	19 Nov 2021	21 Jan 2022	3 Mar 2022
		report on Hampshire's Residents' Forum							
Overview	Broadband matters	Requested by the Committee at its Sept 2020 mtg	Members to be updated on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gigabit Voucher Scheme F20 Voucher Scheme Openreach to be invited to meeting	X					