

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services 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 2023 to March 2024: Children & Young People Select Committee, Universal Services Select Committee and Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee.
- 1.2 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 Neville Penman
- 2.2. **Statutory Duties Undertaken:** Not applicable to this Committee.
- 2.3. **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**
 - **Hampshire Youth Justice Service Youth Justice Plan 2023 (September 2023)**

At the September 2023 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the Hampshire Youth Justice Service's Youth Justice Plan for 2023/24. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member of Children's Services Decision Day.
 - **Annual Safeguarding Report - Children's Services 2022-23 (November 2023)**

At the November 2023 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the annual Safeguarding Report for Children's Services ahead of its submission to Cabinet. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being proposed to Cabinet.
 - **School Transport: Summer 2023 Lessons Learned and Policy Consultations (January 2024)**

At the January 2024 meeting the Select Committee received an overview of the 'lessons learned' exercise conducted by the School Transport Service including the resulting Service Improvement Plan. The Committee also pre-scrutinised the proposed changes to the School Transport Policy and the Post 16 Transport Policy following the public consultation. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.

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

- **Update on Autism Services Commissioning for Children and Young People in Hampshire (November 23/Regular Written Update)**

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 2023. The Select Committee considered there to be outstanding issues to solve and further steps for the project to ensure further success.

- **School Transport Update (July 2023)**

Following the pre-scrutiny of School Transport and Post-16 Transport Services and subsequent call-in in July 2022, an update was requested by the committee for the following year. This update was received following the implementation of the changes to School Transport Policy made in 2022 and members noted the service improvements and priorities.

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

- **Savings Programme to 2025 – Revenue Savings Proposals (September 2023)**

At the September 2023 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised a report outlining detailed savings proposals for Children's Services that had been developed as part of the Savings Programme to 2025 (SP2025). Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.

- **Working Group Proposal (November 2023)**

At the November 2023 meeting the Select Committee agreed to initiate a Working Group to review the Children's Services Savings Proposal that was subject to Stage 2 consultation in relation to a reduction in the annual expenditure on library stock.

- **2024/25 Revenue Budget Report for Children's Services (January 24)**

At the January 2024 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2024/25 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 2024/25 to 2026/27 (January 24)**

At the January 2024 meeting the Select Committee also pre-scrutinised the 2024/25 to 2026/27 Capital Programme proposals for Children's Services. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.

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

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

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- Services supporting Children & Young People with Down Syndrome in Hampshire (July 2023)

- Annual Children in Care Report 2022-23 (July 2023)
- Annual Care Leavers Report 2022 (July 2023)
- Scope and Breadth of Hampshire's Library Offer (September 2023)
- Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) (November 2023)

3. UNIVERSAL SERVICES 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:

- Local Transport Fund (July 2023) - The Universal Services Select Committee received a report, which set out the arrangements for the local administration of the Department for Transport Local Transport Fund grant issued to all Local Transport Authorities.
- Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve Future Management and Haven House (July 2023) - The Universal Services Select Committee received a report, which presented a summary of proposals received in relation to Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve, to set out the assessment analysis against key criteria and present recommendations seeking Executive Member decisions in response to these proposals.
- Highways – Stronger Roads Today Service Update (November 2023) – The Universal Services Select Committee received a report detailing work that the Highways service has already undertaken in response to the severe weather experienced over the 2022/23 winter season and approves the proposed delivery strategy for the Stronger Roads Today campaign. Members also looked at the proposed deferral of the full implementation of the Highway Network Recovery Strategy until 2025/26 at the earliest, subject to a further review in Autumn 2024.
- Management of Byways Open To All Traffic (BOAT) Update (November 2023) – The Universal Services Select Committee received a report that set out the approach to the management of Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) and provides an update on the delivery of the current capital delivery programme.
- Traffic Management Policy Update: 20 Mph Speed Limits & Zones (January 2024) The Universal Services Select Committee received a report that set out how the recommendations and outcomes of the review of the existing position on 20mph speed limits and zones, which included input from the former Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee Task-and-Finish Working Group, had been reached.

- Basingstoke Canal (March 2024) The Universal Services Select Committee received a report that set out the proposed changes to the governance and operation of the Basingstoke Canal Authority.

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

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

- Waste Arrangements (July 2023) - The Universal Services Select Committee received a presentation on waste arrangements in Hampshire.

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

- Savings Programme to 2025 – Revenue Savings Proposals
At the September 2023 meeting the Universal Services Select Committee pre-scrutinised a report that outlined the detailed savings proposals for Universal Services that have been developed as part of the Savings to 2025 (SP2025) Programme.

Universal Services Proposed Capital Programme 2024/25, 2025/26 And 2026/27

At the January 2024 meeting the Universal Services Select Committee pre-scrutinised the budget proposals for the Universal Services Department. Following the debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services.

- 2024/25 Revenue Budget Report For Universal Services
At the January 2024 meeting the Universal Services Select Committee pre-scrutinised budget proposals for the Universal Services Department. Following the debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services.

3.7. **Policy Review:**

- 20pmh Speed Policy included under pre-scrutiny above.

4. **HAMPSHIRE 2050, CORPORATE SERVICES AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE**

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

4.2. **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 Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Panel). In

November 2023, the Select Committee received an update on the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group on how it was addressing Hampshire's community safety priorities.

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

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

4.5. **Referrals:** None this period

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

Serving Hampshire – 2022/23 Year End Performance Report

In July 2023, the Select Committee considered the Serving Hampshire – 2021/22 Year End Performance Report.

2050 Vision Revalidation and mid-term review of Hampshire County Council's Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan

In July 2023, the Select Committee considered a report on both revalidating the Hampshire 2050 Vision as well as reviewing mid-term the County Council's Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan.

Savings Programme to 2025 - Revenue Savings Proposals

At its meeting in September 2023, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised two reports that outlined the detailed savings proposals for both Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services that had been developed as part of the Savings to 2025 (SP2025) Programme.

2024-25 Hampshire 2050 Directorate Revenue Budget and Capital Programme

In January 2024, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2024/25 revenue budget and capital programme proposals for the Hampshire 2050 Directorate. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services.

2024/25 Revenue Budget Report - Corporate Services

In January 2024, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2024/25 revenue budget for Corporate Services. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services.

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

- Climate Change Annual Report - November 2023

4.8. **Management of the Scrutiny Function/Oversight of Other Scrutiny Committees:**

The Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and 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.

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