

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 2018 to March 2019: 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 Roz Chadd
- 2.2 **Light Touch Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:** None this period
- 2.3 **Statutory Duties Undertaken:** None this period
- 2.4 **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**
- 2.5 Proposed Changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post 16 Transport Policy Statement: The Select Committee scrutinised prior to decision, proposals for changes to be made to the County Council's Home to School Transport and Post 16 Transport Policies on the 9 May 2018. The report set out the outcomes of the public consultation, and the proposals to discontinue the discretionary features of the Home to School Transport policy. The report also set out proposals for the introduction of charges where transport was arranged as an exception to Home to School Transport policy and increases to the existing charges applied under the Post 16 Transport policy. Significant questioning and debate was held, with the Select Committee resolving to support the proposals (later agreed by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services).
- 2.6 Proposed Changes to the Short Break Activities Programme and Consultation Outcomes. The Select Committee scrutinised prior to decision, proposed changes to the Short Break Activities Programme on the 12 July 2018. The report set out the outcomes of the public consultation, and the proposals for change which would aim to achieve better opportunities to shape provision to meet the needs of parents, carers and children across Hampshire. Significant questioning and debate was held, with the Select Committee resolving to support the proposals (later agreed by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services).
- 2.7 **Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:**
- 2.8 Home to School Transport Policy and Post 16 Transport Policy Statement - The call-in of the Home to School Transport Policy and Post 16 Transport

Policy Statement was requested by a quorum of the Select Committee on 25 May 2018, but not recommended following a vote by the Select Committee.

2.9 Outcomes being monitored:

2.10 Family Support Service. The Select Committee monitored progress made in implementing the new Family Support Service in Hampshire at its meeting on 9 May 2018, following on from pre-scrutiny of this decision on 1 July 2016.

2.11 Short Break Activities Programme. The Select Committee monitored progress made in implementing changes to the Short Break Activities Programme at its meeting on 7 January 2019, following on from pre-scrutiny of this decision on 12 July 2018.

2.12 **Referrals:** None this period

2.13 **Policy Review:** None this period

2.14 Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

2.15 The Select Committee received items on the following issues:

- Annual Safeguarding Report for Children's Services
- Attainment of Children and Young People in Hampshire Schools 2018
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Update
- Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service
- Hampshire Healthy Weight Strategy
- Religious Education in Hampshire and Living Difference III
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Update

2.16 Upcoming topics:

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

- Annual Safeguarding Report for Children's Services
- Autism Services • Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) – Further Update
- Child Exploitation Update
- Children in Care including the Role of Corporate Parents
- Elected Home Education • Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service
- New Ofsted Education Inspection Framework
- Revenue and Capital Budgets 2020/21
- Short Break Activities Programme Progress Update
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – Further Update
- Transformation to 2021 – Savings Proposals

3. CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE

3.1 **Chairman for this period:** Councillor Anna McNair Scott

3.2 Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:

3.3 Library Strategy to 2025 Task and Finish Group

- 3.4 In September 2018, the Select Committee resolved to set up a task and finish group to develop the Library Strategy to 2025. A cross party group of members was established, and the first meeting was held in November 2018. The work of the task and finish group is ongoing, with meetings intended to continue through to December 2019. Recommendations arising from this review are due to be put forward to the Select Committee at a future meeting.
- 3.5 **Statutory Duties Undertaken:** Not applicable to this committee
- 3.6 Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:
- 3.7 Changes to Culture and Community Grants
- 3.8 In January 2019, the Select Committee considered the proposed changes to major grant funding for cultural and community organisations in Hampshire for 2019/20. The Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage.
- 3.9 **Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:** None in this period
- 3.10 **Referrals:** None in this period
- 3.11 **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**
- 3.12 2019/20 Revenue Budget proposals
- 3.13 At the January 2019 meeting, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2019/20 budget proposals for Recreation and Heritage services and for Countryside and Rural Affairs services. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage and the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs.
- 3.14 **Policy Review:** None in this period
- 3.15 **Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**
- 3.16 The Committee received items on the following issues:
- Transformation to 2019: Hampshire County Council's Archives and Records Service
 - Hampshire Cultural Trust Update
 - Energise Me update – Beating Inactivity: A Strategy for Physical Activity 2017- 2021
 - Country Parks Transformation Programme
 - Future Management of Basingstoke Canal
 - Hampshire Cultural Trust Update
- 3.17 **Upcoming topics:**
- 3.18 The following topics feature on the Select Committee's Work Programme:
- Transformation to 2021 – Revenue Savings Proposals
 - Energise Me Update
 - Revenue budgets 2020/21
 - Sponsorship opportunities for Culture and Community Services

4. ECONOMY TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

4.1 Report of Chairman: Councillor Russell Oppenheimer

4.2 Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:

- Road Safety – (April 2018) Following deliberations of the Task & Finish Group, several recommendations were agreed by Select Committee at the April 2018 meeting to forward to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport and to Hampshire Constabulary, for consideration.
- Cycling Strategy – (October 2018) The Select Committee received a report providing an update on the progress of the Hampshire County Council Cycling Strategy adopted in September 2015. The County Council was working on local strategies that would sit alongside the overall cycling strategy. The Committee subsequently held a working lunch which considered cycling issues in depth. (An updated strategy will be brought back to the Committee.)

4.3 Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

4.4 The Committee received items on the following issues:

- Fly tipping – (June 2018) The Select Committee received an update on tackling fly tipping following a strategy regarding fly tipping being agreed in 2017. The Committee noted the solid progress and gave its strong support to this work programme.
- Electric Vehicle Developments – (January 2019) The Select Committee received a presentation on Electric Vehicle developments. Hampshire had developed an Electric Vehicle Framework, in which approximately 30 organisations had so far joined and was free to Local Authorities.

4.5 Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:

- Review of Residential 20 Pilot Programme – (June 2018) The Select Committee received a report regarding a review of 20mph speed limit pilot schemes. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.
- Highways Permit Scheme – (June 2018) The Select Committee received a report regarding proposals to develop a Highways Permit Scheme for managing street works in Hampshire. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.
- Passenger Transport Review 2018 – (October 2018) The Select Committee received a report and supporting presentation regarding proposals to make savings in passenger transport. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.
- Street Lighting T19 Savings – (October 2018) The Select Committee received a report and supporting presentation regarding proposals to make savings from street lighting. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.

- T19 Modernisation of On-Street Parking Service – (October 2018) The Select Committee received a report and supporting presentation regarding the onstreet parking service. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.
- Consolidation and review of School Crossing Patrol Policy – (October 2018) The Select Committee received a report on behalf of the Director of Economy Transport & Environment, regarding school crossing patrol policy. The Select Committee noted that it was good to see flexibility being built in to allow for a range of ways to fund school crossing patrols. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.

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

4.7 **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

4.8 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Economic Development and Environment & Transport – At the January 2019 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposed savings under the Transformation to 2019 programme within the remit of this Committee. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Economic Development and Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

4.9 ETE Proposed Capital Programme 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 – at the January 2019 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2019/20 budget proposals for the Economy Transport and Environment Department. Following the debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Economic Development and Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

4.10 **Policy Review:**

4.11 Government 25 Year Environmental Plan – (April 2018 and January 2019). The Select Committee received presentations regarding the Government 25 Year Environment Plan, setting out the government’s positions in relation to protection and enhancement of the natural environment. At the January 2019 meeting, the Select Committee noted the recent publication of the Clean Air Strategy.

4.12 **Upcoming topics:**

4.13 The following topics feature on the Select Committee’s Work Programme:

- Hampshire County Council Response to Government Consultation on the Draft Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England
- Policy to enable community funded traffic management measures
- Further review of Air Quality and Cycling Strategy

5. POLICY AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE

5.1 **Report of Chairman:** Councillor Jonathan Glen

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

5.3 **Statutory Duties Undertaken:**

5.4 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).

5.5 At the 1 November 2018 meeting, the Select Committee received a presentation relating to the strategic priority of serious and organised crime and child exploitation and the County-wide collaborative arrangements responding to this priority risk.

5.6 **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:** None this period

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

5.8 **Referrals:** None this period

5.9 **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

- End of Year Financial Report - At the 13 June 2018 meeting the Select Committee considered the 2017/18 End of Year Financial Report
- Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2021 - At the 13 June 2018 meeting the Select Committee considered the Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2021.
- Annual Corporate Performance Report – At the 13 June 2018 meeting the Select Committee considered the ‘Serving Hampshire’ 2017/18 Annual Corporate Performance Report.
- Budget Setting – At the 18 January 2019 meeting the Select Committee considered a report on budget setting and provisional cash limits for 2019/20 that had been considered by Cabinet in December 2018.
- Revenue Budget for Policy and Resources for 2019/20 and the Proposed Capital Programme for Policy and Resources for 2019/20 to 2021/22 – At the 18 January 2019 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposed revenue budget for policy and resources for 2019/20 and the proposed capital programme for policy and resources for 2019/20 to 2021/22. Following debate, the proposals were supported to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

5.10 **Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

- General Data Protection Regulation – Compliance update - 1 November 2018
- Hampshire 2050 Commission – 1 November 2018
- Update on IT developments - 18 January 2019
- Broadband update – 18 January 2019
- Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) – joint presentation regarding work of the Enterprise M3 and Solent LEPs - 7 March 2019

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

5.12 The Policy & Resources Select Committee has a remit to manage the work taking place across the scrutiny function. This year this was achieved through oversight of proposals to establish task and finish groups by other Select Committees and receiving a summary of activity taking place through the other Select Committees at each meeting.

5.13 Upcoming topics:

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

- Update on Local Enterprise Partnerships
- Annual IT Update
- Annual Crime and Disorder Scrutiny
- Transformation to 2021
- Update on Hampshire 2050 Commission

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Since the period to which this report relates, membership and in some cases Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship 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 2018/19 year.

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