

## **Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2019 to March 2020**

**Select Committee:** Culture and Communities

**Report of Chairman:** Councillor Anna McNair Scott

### **Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:**

#### *Library Strategy to 2025 Task and Finish Group*

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 has been ongoing throughout the 2019/20 period with regular meetings being held at library branches throughout the county.

**Statutory Duties Undertaken:** Not applicable to this committee

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

#### *Transformation to 2021 – Revenue Savings Proposals*

In September 2019, the Select Committee considered the proposed changes to cultural and community services as part of the Transformation to 2021 programme. The Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage and the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs.

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

**Referrals:** None in this period

### **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

#### *2020/21 Revenue Budget proposals*

At the January 2020 meeting, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2020/21 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.

**Policy Review:** None in this period

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

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- CCBS Sponsorship and Partnerships

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

- Energise Me Update
- Revenue budgets 2021/22
- Transforming the Council's Country Parks