

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2019 to March 2020

Select Committee: Economy Transport and Environment

Report of Chairman: Councillor Russell Oppenheimer

Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:

- Road Safety (April 2019) - The Select Committee received an update on road safety. Strategic mapping was being done to help focus on areas of most concern and those in need of funding for improvements and driving courses were being provided to high risk groups such as the over 60's and young drivers. This topic would continue to be monitored going forwards and a further update would return to the Select Committee in 2020/21.
- Cycling Strategy (September 2019) - 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 and these would be revisited in 2020/21.

Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- Air Quality (April 2019 and January 2020) - The Select Committee received an update on the department's work to improve air quality. It was anticipated that the Transforming Cities Fund would help towards more sustainable public transport as well as walking and cycling routes.
- Fly tipping (June 2019) - The Select Committee received an update on tackling fly tipping following a strategy being agreed in 2017 and an update in 2018. The Committee noted the solid progress and gave its strong support to this work programme.
- Strategic Transport Update (June 2019) - The Select Committee received an update on transport and were updated on major schemes and how they were planned and implemented. Officers were thanked for their hard work in maintaining Hampshire's high profile in highways work.
- Recycled Products Market (January 2020) - The Select Committee received a presentation on recycled products and the process involved. More work would be done on recycling once central government had confirmed the direction forward and how waste management would be done long-term.

Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:

- Government Waste Strategy Consultation Responses (April 2019) – The Select Committee received a report, which set out proposed responses to the

government consultation on waste. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.

- Hampshire County Council Response to Government Consultation on the Draft Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England (June 2019) - The Select Committee received a report and supporting presentation regarding the consultation and learned the amount of investment that the County Council had already made to date across the more susceptible areas of the County. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.

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

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

Transformation to 2021 – Revenue Savings Proposals.

At the September 2019 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposed savings for Economy, Transport and Environment budget that have been developed as part of the Transformation to 2021 (T21) programme. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

ETE Proposed Capital Programme 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.

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

2020/21 Revenue Budget Report for Economy, Transport and Environment.

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

Policy Review:

Climate Change Action Plan (September 2019)

The Select Committee received an update on progress with the Action Plan. Members learned about collaborative working going on with partner organisations and the various areas under review. The Select Committee would receive a further update in 2020/21.

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

- Verge management
- The Hampshire economy and Covid-19 recovery
- Street Light Safety

- Further updates on Fly-tipping, the Climate Change Action Plan and the Flood Defence and Mitigation strategy