Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2019 to March 2020

Select Committee: Policy and Resources

Report of Chairman: Councillor Jonathan Glen

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 Police and Crime Panel).

In November 2019, the Select Committee received a presentation on reducing serious violence and the county-wide collaborative arrangements responding to this priority including the creation of the Serious Violence Reduction Unit (VRU).

Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:

Transformation to 2021 – Revenue Savings Proposals In September 2019, the Select Committee considered the proposed changes to policy and resources budget as part of the Transformation to 2021 programme. The Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions: None this period

Referrals: None this period

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

End of Year Financial Report – In June 2019, the Select Committee considered the 2018/19 End of Year Financial Report

Serving Hampshire – 2018/19 Performance Report – In June 2019, the Select Committee considered the 'Serving Hampshire' 2018/19 Annual Corporate Performance Report.

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 January 2020 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposed revenue budget for policy and resources for 2020/21 and the proposed capital programme for policy and resources for 2020/21 to 2022/23. Following debate, the proposals were supported to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

- Hampshire 2050 Commission: Next Steps June 2019
- Broadband update September 2019
- Update on IT developments January 2020
- Update on Climate Change March 2020
- New approach for improving customer contact March 2020

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

The Policy & 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.

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

- Annual IT Update
- Annual Crime and Disorder Strategy
- Serving Hampshire Performance report