

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2020 to March 2021

Select Committee: Culture and Communities

Report of Chairman: Councillor Anna McNair-Scott

Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored: None in this period.

Statutory Duties Undertaken: Not applicable to this Committee

Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:

- In March 2021, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the following matters for consideration by the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs:
Winchester Discovery Centre - Future Strategy – proposals for a new partnership model between Hampshire Library Service and Hampshire Cultural Trust
Rights of Way Countryside Paths – proposal for funding remedial works to identified priority rights of way and paths to improve their condition and enable their continued use.
County Farms Policy – proposal for a revised County Farms Policy

The Committee supported each of the recommendations to the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs.

- Library Service Transformation and Strategy to 2025
In July 2021, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised proposals for the Library Service Transformation and Strategy to 2025. The Committee supported the recommendations proposed and added a further recommendation for consideration by the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage.

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

Referrals: None in this period

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

2021/22 Revenue Budget proposals

At the January 2021 meeting, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2021/22 budget proposals for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs services. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, 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:

- Hampshire Cultural Trust update on recent operations throughout the Covid-19 pandemic
- Country Parks update/impact of Covid-19
- CCBS Climate Change - Natural Environment Workstream