Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2020 to March 2021

**Select Committee: Economy Transport and Environment** 

Report of Chairman: Councillor Russell Oppenheimer

## Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:

- Planning White Paper (October 2020) The Select Committee received a presentation on the Planning White Paper, which proposed fundamental reforms to the planning system.
- Flood Defence and Mitigation Strategy (January 2021) The Select Committee received a presentation regarding the new flood and water management strategy along with information from the Environment Agency on areas and work being tackled across Hampshire.

## Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- Covid-19 Economic Recovery (July 2020 and October 2020) The Select Committee received a presentation on the impacts of the pandemic on the economy of Hampshire and plans for recovery.
- Active Travel (October 2020 and January 2021) The Select Committee received a presentation on the 'pop-up' schemes in place across the County as well as a 'school streets' scheme as discussed at Full Council in September 2021.

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

- Transport for South East (TfSE) Strategy (July 2020) The Select Committee received a report, regarding TfSE proposals to Government to establish a statutory sub national transport body for the South East. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to Cabinet.
- Recycling and Single Materials Recovery Facility Update (July 2020)
   The Select Committee received a report that detailed work undertaken through the Hampshire Waste Partnership programme and the recently introduced Environment Bill and how it would impact waste management in Hampshire. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

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

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

ETE Proposed Capital Programme 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
At the January 2021 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2021/22

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.

2021/22 Revenue Budget Report for Economy, Transport and Environment. At the January 2021 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised 2021/21 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 (January 2021)

The Select Committee received a presentation on work being taken towards climate change and target areas, along with tools in development as part of the decision making process. The Environment Agency were also in attendance to answer questions relating the flooding aspects of climate change.