

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2021 to March 2022

Select Committee: Culture and Communities

Report of Chairman: Councillor Rob Mocatta

Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:

Income Generation Task and Finish Group

In November 2021, the Select Committee resolved to set up a Task and Finish group to examine Income Generation for those services within the Culture, Communities and Business Services Department, that lie within the remit of the Culture and Communities Select Committee in the context of the SP23 programme. A cross party group of members was established, and the first meeting was held in January 2022. The work of the Task and Finish group has been ongoing with regular meetings being held.

Statutory Duties Undertaken: Not applicable to this Committee

Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:

- Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals
In September 2021, the Select Committee considered the proposed changes for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs services within the Culture, Communities and Business Services Department that had been developed as part of the Savings Programme to 2023 Programme. The Committee supported the recommendation to the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs. The Committee also acknowledged that Income Generation posed the most significant risk to achieving the savings programme, and a proposal for a Task and Finish group to monitor this would be developed and considered.

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

Referrals: None in this period

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

2022/23 Revenue Budget proposals

At the January 2022 meeting, the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2022/23 budget proposals for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs services. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage 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
- Cultural Strategy
- Arts Council England Overall Delivery Plan
- Library Service

- Outdoor Education Service
- Registration Service
- Hampshire Archives and Records