

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2021 to March 2022

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 2021, the Select Committee received an update on the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group and how it was addressing Hampshire's community safety priorities. In addition, the Committee also received a joint presentation from the Director of Children's Service and Hampshire Constabulary on County Lines and the county-level multi-agency working on exploitation, serious violence and drug related harm through organised crime, including how this related to concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in local communities.

Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions: None in this period

Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions: None this period

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

Serving Hampshire – 2020/21 Year End Performance Report

In June 2021, the Select Committee considered the Serving Hampshire – 2020/21 Year End Performance Report.

Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan 2021-2025 and Corporate Performance Management Framework

In June 2021, the Select Committee received Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan for 2021-2025, and its accompanying corporate Performance Management Framework.

Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals

At the September 2021 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the detailed savings proposals for Corporate Services, Emergency Planning, Property and Health and Safety that had been developed as part of the Savings Programme to 2023 (SP2023) Programme.

Revenue Budget reports for Corporate Services and Culture, Communities and Business Services (incl Corporate Health and Safety and Emergency Planning) for 2022/23 and the Capital Programme for Culture, Communities and Business Services for 2022/23 to 2024/25

At the January 2022 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposed Revenue Budget for Corporate Services and Culture, Communities and Business Services (incl Corporate Health and Safety and Emergency Planning) for 2022/23 and the proposed Capital Programme for Culture, Communities and Business Services for 2022/22 to 2024/25.

Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, Executive Member for Performance, Human Resources and Partnerships and Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property respectively.

Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

- New Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan for 2021-2025, and its accompanying corporate Performance Management Framework – June 2021
- County Council’s approach to consultation and engagement – November 2021
- Annual IT Update – January 2022
- Serving Hampshire - 2021/22 Half Year Performance Report – January 2022

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

The Policy and 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.