

Scrutiny Bulletin – February 2014

Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Past:

The Committee scrutinised the proposed budget for the Council in 2014/15 and received an interim report from the Welfare Reform task group.

Future:

The Committee will look at the Better Models of Delivery Programme, as well as the creation of the Local Authority Trading Company. It will also be holding an informal workshop with staff based at County Hall, after the public meeting, around well-being and morale.

Date of Next Meetings – 5 March 2014

Adult Social Care

Past:

The Committee received an update on plans for the Better Care Fund, and the Local Authority Trading Company. It also considered adults safeguarding and information systems.

Future:

The Committee will have a joint budget workshop focusing on the Better Care Fund with the Health Scrutiny Committee. Its March meeting will focus on Serious Case Review recommendations and Dementia Friendly Communities alongside social care debt scrutiny.

Date of next meeting – 6 March 2014

Children & Education

Past:

The Committee previously looked at how the County Council was improving outcomes for Looked after Children.

Future:

The Committee will be looking at how the Council is reducing the attainment gap. Specific areas of focus will include assessing performance against the Education & Achievement Plan and the School Improvement Programme. Members will also consider results for early years, primary, secondary and special school phases for the latest academic year.

Date of next meeting – 26 March 2014

Communities

Past:

The Committee met on 15 January 2014 to scrutinise the proposed changes to fire cover deployment in Spelthorne, the draft Tourism Strategy, and the draft grant criteria and funding opportunities guide.

Future:

On 20 March the Committee will be scrutinising the plans to create cultural hubs in Surrey (to include an update on Adult Community Learning and the Arts Council's vision for Libraries).

Date of next meeting – 20 March 2014

Environment & Transport

Past:

At its meeting in January the Committee scrutinised a road safety review, Phase 2 of the Council's Superfast Broadband project and proposals for long term management of Surrey's highways.

Future:

The Committee will be considering a number of reports on recent flooding events (including a briefing from the Environment Agency on the River Thames Scheme) at its meeting in March.

Date of next meeting – 13 March 2014

Health

Past:

The Committee received a briefing on plans for the Better Care Fund, progress on Patient Transport Services, NHS England primary care commissioning and sexual health services for children and young people.

Future:

Health Scrutiny will focus on End of Life Care, the work of CQC and Surrey and Borders Partnership Trust's response to the recent inspection of some of its services. There will also be an update from the Joint Commissioning Partnership Board.

Date of next meeting – 19 March 2014

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