

Report to Council

Date of meeting: 25 April 2019

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Report to Council

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report from 21 February 2019 to the present be noted.

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1. At the meeting on Tuesday 26 February 2019, we welcomed the Epping Forest Youth Council, who advised the Committee on their programme of work since their election in April 2018.

The Youth Council had received extensive training comprising of Dementia Friends Awareness; Hate Crime Ambassadors; Consequences of Crime; Drug Awareness; Basic First Aid; Diversity Awareness; and other training provided by Essex Police and the British Youth Council. They had also been involved in many consultations with external organisations and had received grants and awards which had so far totalled £4830.

In addition to this, the Youth Council had celebrated their 10th Anniversary at the Houses of Parliament, produced a drugs survey and report, attended and helped with MiLife events, had won a National Crimebeat Award; produced a Youth Activities Map for the District and had decided to support and raise funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). The Committee thanked the Youth Council for their presentation and asked numerous questions which were fully answered.

2. The Committee had also considered the outcome of the call-in for the Cabinet decision regarding the Accommodation Strategy in December 2018. An informal meeting had been arranged with the lead signatory and seconder, Officers, Strategic Projects Portfolio Holder and myself, which resulted in a lengthy discussion with assurances and actions being proposed and the call-in being discarded without further formal action required.

3. The Committee also reviewed the Forward Plan of Key Decisions; the Corporate Plan Key Action Plan for 2018/23 Performance Report for quarter 3 - 2018/19; and the Committee and Select Committee future work programmes.

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4. At the next meeting, representatives from the South-East Local Enterprise Partnership would be attending to discuss the success of the LEP for the Epping Forest District and answer members questions.

5. Other items of interest that were being considered were the Essex and Herts Digital Innovation Zone Strategy; the final report from the Task and Finish Panel regarding the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee Framework; the Corporate Plan Key Action Plan 2018/19 – Quarter 4; the Corporate Plan Action Plan for 2019/20; the Customer Services Annual Report; the Draft Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2018/19; the April 2019 Forward Plan of Key Decisions; and the conclusion of work programmes of the Committee and Select Committees.