

Report to Council

Date of meeting: 27 July 2017

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Report to Council

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report from April 2017 to the present be noted.

Report:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 18 April 2017

1. At our meeting on Tuesday 18th April, we received a question from a member of the public, concerning the recent hand over of the contract for the management of the District's Leisure Centres. He was given a response at the meeting and his supplementary question would be answered by the Leisure Portfolio holder in a comprehensive written reply.
2. We also agreed to the co-option of two youth councillors to the Communities Select Committee for the coming year. Councillor Knight, the Chairman of the Communities Select Committee suggested that this be trialled for a year to see how it went. She added that the youth councillors today would need to understand the topics that we discussed to get a complete picture of local government and she would like more members of the youth council to become future members of this council.
3. The committee also considered the forward plan of key decisions and the upcoming scrutiny of the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) NHS Trust who would be attending our next meeting.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 6th June 2017

4. At our meeting on Tuesday 6th June, we received three members from the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust. They were the Chief Executive, Lance McCarthy; their Chief Operating Officer, Stephanie Lawton; and their Chief Nurse, Nancy Fontaine. They give us a run through of the measure they have put in place since their unfavourable report from the CQC. We then conducted a question and answer session with them. The officers from PAH had received advanced notice of the topics and questions, split into operational and strategic issues, that the Committee wanted to cover, and as a result had come with prepared answers; they went on to answer, as best they could, any questions that were generated on the night from the members present. This exercise proved very productive and provided interesting and informative answers to many members' questions.

5. Also at this meeting we considered the Council's Corporate Priorities and Key Objectives for 2017/18. The Leader of the Council took us through this and answered any questions that we had. We then went on to consider the outturn of the position of the key action plan for 2016/17.

6. We then went on to consider and agree the four Select Committee's Terms of Reference and Work Programmes; reviewed and agreed the membership of the four Select Committees, and appointed their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. We then established the new Transformation Task and Finish Panel, agreed its terms of reference and appointed its membership and Chairman and Vice-chairman. I believe they held their first meeting on the 29th of June.

7. Finally, we then went on to consider and agree our O&S annual report for 2016/17 and this is in your agenda for tonight's Council meeting for information. On looking back on last year we were, as always, surprised and pleased at just how much work both in depth and breadth that we had undertaken over the past twelve months.