People Select Committee Chair's Update

Scrutiny Review – Review of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	
Achieved since last meeting	The summary of evidence was considered on 21 March, and the final report was agreed on 18 April.
Problems or concerns	None identified. The key issue from the review is the levels of awareness amongst the public, and what measures to increase prevention can effectively be taken.
Planned next month	The next stage will be to present the report to Cabinet in May, and consider the Action Plan following that.
On track – yes / no	Yes. This review will now report to Cabinet in May.

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	The Committee is due to continue its oversight of Welfare Reform at the meeting in March. Members noted concern over the impact of the 1% social rent reductions and limits on Local Housing Allowance on the supported housing sector; the potential impact locally was going to be examined. The Council has also responded to a national consultation on the future of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme, requesting more flexibility in its delivery. Members noted the planned work to assist frequent users of Food Banks and their often complex situations, and the Committee commended the work of the Council's Welfare Rights Team.
Requests for more information	-

Monitoring - There have been no monitoring updates received following the previous Executive Scrutiny Committee.