

## Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday, 23rd March, 2021.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley(Chairman), Cllr Maurice Perry(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Laura Tunney

**Officers:** Peter Bell, Judy Trainer, Margaret Waggott, Sarah Whaley, Gary Woods (MD)

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Clare Gamble

**Apologies:** Cllr Luke Frost,

### **ESC 32/20**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **ESC 33/20**      **Minutes from Executive Scrutiny Committee which was held 19th January 2021**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Executive Scrutiny Committee meetings which was held on 19th January 2021.

AGREED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

### **ESC 34/20**      **Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22 - Selection of In Depth Topic Reviews**

Members were presented with a report which detailed the proposals for the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021/22.

All review suggestions had been priority scored and proposals were listed for members, by Select Committee, to indicate where reviews might be allocated.

Members agreed the following work programme for 2021/22:

Select Committee	Review
Adult Social Care and Health during the	Multi Agency Support to Care Homes COVID-19 Pandemic (Task and Finish) Care at Home
Children and Young People	Child Poverty
Crime and Disorder	Public Space Protection Orders Bonfires

People	Local Government Pension Scheme (Task and Finish) Disability Inclusive Borough Tees Credit Union
Place	Potholes Residents' Parking Schemes Flooding

AGREED that the Scrutiny Work Programme, detailed above, be approved for 2021/22

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35/20**

### **Chairs' Updates**

Members considered the Select Committee Chairs' updates.

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee:

The Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee, gave members a brief update highlighting the following

The Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee had met since the update report and had received a presentation from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) for evidence-gathering for the second phase of the Hospital Discharge review (discharge to an individual's own home).

Representatives of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT) were also in attendance at the March meeting to provide their annual presentation to the Committee on the Trust's Quality Account.

Members of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee would be sent the draft Quality Account document once received from the Trust.

The latest Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting took place last week and included an item on the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account for 2020-2021. It was noted that concerns were raised in relation to some of the performance measures, in particular the use of restraints.

Children and Young People Select Committee.

The Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee, gave members a brief update highlighting the following:

At March's Committee meeting, an Officer from Coventry City Council provided evidence on their Council's approach to Care Leavers, which was very similar to Stockton Council's approach.

With regards to the previous Scrutiny Review of School Uniform, meetings continued to take place with primary and secondary school headteachers and

other stakeholders to raise awareness and progress recommendations.

The Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty was expected to commence in summer 2021, following the presentation of the final report of the Care Leavers-EET Review to Cabinet in July.

#### Crime and Disorder Select Committee

The Chair of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee, gave members a brief update highlighting the following;

The Task and Finish Review – Police Communications in Stockton-on-Tees had started and a draft scope and plan was due to be presented to the Committee at a forthcoming meeting.

In terms of the previously completed School Parking review, the Committee had endorsed an information video which was due to have a big launch in September 2021. There was also a national walk to school week in May which the Council would be supporting.

#### People Select Committee

The Chair of the People Select Committee, gave members a brief update highlighting the following:

The work around the Scrutiny Review of Local Council Tax Support Scheme (Working Age Adults) was paused until more was known about the affordability of the current scheme any alternative proposals.

The Scrutiny Review of Public Consultation had been approved by Cabinet.

A one off session to highlight the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning was held on 25th January 2021. The Committee had agreed to revisit the review later as it was felt some areas had missed and communication lines would be kept open with the Fire Authority on the matter.

In terms of the Annual Overview meeting which took place 1st March 2021 reports had been received from all the Council's directorates.

The Chair of the People Select Committee thanked all staff across each directorate for their support and assistance throughout the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic

#### Place Select Committee

The Chair of the Place Select Committee, gave members a brief update highlighting the following:

The action plan for the Scrutiny Review of Planters in Residential streets (Task and Finish) had been interesting and it was expected that there would be a reliance on community members to have input into keeping / maintaining these planters going forward.

AGREED that the reports be noted.

**ESC Statutory Forward Plan**

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The Forward Plan was noted.

**ESC Executive Scrutiny Work Programme and Chair's Update**

**37/20**

The Chair acknowledged the quality and scope of the scrutiny topics which had come forward. They were all well worthwhile and should make an impact on the residents of the Borough.

The Chair also thanked the Scrutiny Officers for their hard work and collating together all of the reports, not just today but throughout the year.