

People Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2021

Scrutiny Review – Local Council Tax Support Scheme (Working Age Adults)	
Achieved since last meeting	A report was presented to Cabinet, and approved, in December 2020. The Committee will be pausing work on the review until more is known about the affordability of the current scheme and any alternative proposals.
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	N/A.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Public Consultation	
Achieved since last meeting	The final report was approved by Cabinet on 17 December 2020.
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	The action plan will be presented at the Committee meeting on 29 March 2021.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Carbon Monoxide Awareness	
Achieved since last meeting	A one- off session to highlight the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, and raise awareness, was held on 25 January 2021.
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	N/A
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>The Annual Overview meeting took place on 1 March 2021.</p> <p>Overview Reports were received from the following directorates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environment, Culture, Leisure and Events • Xentrall Shared Services • Administration, Democratic and Electoral Services • HR, Legal and Communications • Finance, Development and Business Services <p>All the overview reports reflected on the challenges and</p>

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	<p>opportunities and the priorities for the year ahead across the different directorates.</p> <p>Member's discussion following the presentation of reports covered topics such as, the new Business and Intellectual Property Centre, the Spence Collection at Preston Hall Museum, financial support to vulnerable residents and local businesses during the pandemic, and producing official ID at polling stations.</p> <p>Members thanked all staff across directorates for their support and assistance throughout the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.</p>
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None.</p>

Monitoring	
<p>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</p>	<p>Progress updates regarding previously completed reviews were received by the Committee on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2021 – Mental Health & Wellbeing inc. Suicide & Self-Harm <p>The following Progress Reports are due this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-representation of BME Communities in Council Workforce (TBC) • March 2021 – SwiS: Accomodation and Buildings (T&F)
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None</p>

Next Meeting
<p>29 March 2021 - 1.30pm</p>