



Select Committee Report

19 November 2015

The following provides a brief overview of the work currently being undertaken by Select Committees.

Children's Social Care and Learning:

The CSC&L Select Committee has concluded its inquiry into the prevention of child sexual exploitation in the county. Several recommendations have been produced as a part of the inquiry, all of which are based on the wide-ranging evidence that was gathered. Members of the Select Committee visited a foster carer on 19th October as part of their scrutiny of the improvement plan. They also visited the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust at the Amersham office on 20th October to meet the senior team and hear about the work underway.

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/s71382/PreventingCSEReport.pdf>

Finance, Performance and Resources:

At its September meeting the FPR Committee discussed the options around prudential borrowing and agreed to ask Cabinet to investigate the principle of using prudential borrowing to invest in highway infrastructure (capital assets).

At the November meeting, the FPR Committee looked at funding to the voluntary sector. Other items included a briefing on the financial pressures on the Adult Social Care budget, an update on the Digital Strategy, a presentation on the balanced performance scorecard and joint budget monitoring report as well as a six month review of the crisis support inquiry. The budget scrutiny will take place on 19th January, 20th January and 21st January.

Finance, Performance and Resources – Rent-in-Advance Inquiry:

This Inquiry is looking specifically at the issue around accessing funds to cover rent-in-advance for vulnerable people and those on low income. The report was discussed and agreed at a special FPR Select Committee in October. The report will be submitted to Cabinet in November.

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/s71266/Appendix%201%20for%20Rent-in-Advance%20Scrutiny%20Inquiry.pdf>

Health and Adult Social Care:

The HASC Select Committee has recently started its inquiry into services for adults with learning disabilities. The focus is 'Improving the social inclusion of people with learning disabilities in Buckinghamshire communities'. The inquiry group will identify service users' and their carers experiences of accessing universal services and amenities through existing feedback and dedicated focus group sessions. The review group will also consider best practice approaches that could be adopted by local providers to improve inclusivity.

Transport, Environment and Communities:

The Transport, Environment and Communities Select Committee are in the process of finalising the Flooding Inquiry report which is due to be presented to Cabinet in December. At our October meeting we had a very interesting update on the Legal Highs Action Plan and Members had an opportunity to contribute ideas to the draft Local Transport Plan 4. In November, the Committee will be monitoring the progress of previous inquiries into S106 and Public Transport and we are looking forward to holding a Workshop to develop new ideas for the Work Programme for 2016.

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