

County Council



Select Committee Report

Report of the Chairmen of the Council's Select Committees

The following provides a brief overview of the work currently being undertaken by Select Committees. More detail on the work of the Committees can be found on the Council's website at www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/scrutiny. The latest Select Committee work programme and Inquiry work programme are also considered at each Cabinet meeting, and papers are available at: <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=124>

Finance, Performance & Resources

The Select Committee is focusing on monitoring each portfolio's plans for delivering digital savings, as well as other savings assigned to Future Shape activities.

The Committee has also looked at the recent review of the Council's agricultural estates and will be looking at the results of the latest property review at its September meeting. In addition Committee continues to have an overview of the balanced performance scorecard and Joint Budget Monitoring Reports for each quarter.

Health & Adult Social Care

The Committee has looked at a wide variety of subjects over the past few months including the care market, recruitment and retention of adult social care staff, the Sustainability and Transformation Plan, the impact of the planned cuts to pharmacies, and a whole systems resilience review which looked at the governance and assurance arrangements.

Later in July the Committee will be considering the Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes Healthcare Review, an issue of particular relevance for residents in the north of the County, and at the September meeting there will be an overview of Buckinghamshire's maternity services, including a look at how services are meeting current demand and modelling to meet future demand.

Children's Social Care & Learning

The Select Committee continues to monitor the social care improvement work through the Chairman of the Committee attending the Improvement Board and other improvement meetings such as the Improving Leadership and Partnership meetings. The Committee has also recently concluded its Children's Workforce Inquiry.

The Committee continues to scrutinise educational attainment across the County and has recently considered measures in place to support children going missing from home and education.

In July the Committee will consider a possible Inquiry into how the views of children and young people are taken into account when commissioning services. If agreed the Inquiry will take place in the autumn.

Transport, Environment & Communities

The Committee has considered some varied and interesting issues over the past few months including the future of the library service, the supported transport programme, HS2 and modern slavery, and has welcomed two new Members since May– Angela Macpherson and Brian Roberts.

The Committee has just completed an interesting Inquiry into ‘Economic Development in Buckinghamshire’ which considered the work of the County Council, Buckinghamshire Business First and the Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership, in promoting economic development. One of the outcomes of this Inquiry has been the production of a short ‘Guide to Economic Development in Buckinghamshire’, which the Committee hopes will be a helpful introduction for Members and interested members of the public.

Select Committee Inquiry Work Programme, July 2016

Inquiry Title	Inquiry Chairman	Lead Officer	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16
Finance, Performance, Resources (FPR)								
Income Generation	Bill Chapple	Liz Wheaton						
Children’s Social Care & Learning (CSC&L)								
The Voice of the Child	Dev Dhillon	Kevin Wright						
Health, Adult Social Care (HASC)								
New Inquiry (TBC)	Margaret Aston	Julia Woodman						
Transport, Environment & Communities (TEC)								
Economic Development	David Carroll	Kelly Sutherland						

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