

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 coming to the end of an interesting Inquiry into Income Generation across the Council. We will be considering the report at a special meeting of the Committee on 11th October before presenting our findings to Cabinet in November.

At our most recent meeting earlier this month, we had the opportunity to hear from the Council's new Chief Executive, Rachael Shimmin, particularly around her initial priorities and are looking forward to working with her in future. At the meeting the Committee also considered progress on implementing the agreed recommendations from the 2016 Budget Scrutiny report, the Council's Quarter 1 Performance Report and Budget Action Plans, and achievement of the Business Services Plus Business Unit Plan.

Health & Adult Social Care

The Committee has looked at a range of subjects over the last few months including maternity services across Buckinghamshire, with a particular focus on how services are meeting current demand and modelling to meet future demand.

At our September meeting, we received more details on the planned movement of specialist vascular services to the John Radcliffe Hospital and the Committee also received an update on the recommendations made in the 15 minute Care Visits review which was undertaken twelve months ago. We continue to monitor the progress of the Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP), both for Buckinghamshire and also Milton Keynes who have joined with Bedfordshire and Luton for their STP footprint. At our October meeting, the Committee will be hearing about the NHS Plan for Buckinghamshire.

Children's Social Care & Learning

The Children's Social Care and Learning Select Committee continues to monitor the social care improvement work and focus on educational attainment across the County. Members undertook a number of fact finding visits to Children's Centres during June and July to help inform the wider Family Support review taking place.

In September, we are starting an Inquiry into how the views of children and young people are taken into account when commissioning and delivering services for them, with the aim of reporting findings during December.

Transport, Environment & Communities

The Committee's report on Economic Development in Buckinghamshire was well-received at Cabinet in July and the Committee's user-friendly 'Guide to Economic Development in Buckinghamshire' is available to view here:

<http://modern.gov/documents/s81847/Appendix%20%20for%20Economic%20Development%20in%20Buckinghamshire.pdf>

Members are looking forward to an interesting meeting in September, with agenda items including an Update from the Museum Trust, a Review of the Buckinghamshire and Surrey Joint Trading Standards Service and an item on Growth in Buckinghamshire and the implications for County Council services. The Committee will also decide on the subject of a new Inquiry in the coming months.

Select Committee Inquiry Work Programme, September 2016

Inquiry Title	Inquiry Chairman	Lead Officer	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17
Finance, Performance, Resources (FPR)							
Income Generation	Bill Chapple	Liz Wheaton					
Budget Scrutiny	Bill Chapple	Kelly Sutherland					
Children's Social Care & Learning (CSC&L)							
Voice of the Child & Young Person	Dev Dhillon	Kevin Wright					
Health, Adult Social Care (HASC)							
TBC	Brian Roberts	Liz Wheaton					
Transport, Environment & Communities (TEC)							
TBC	David Carroll	Kelly Sutherland					

Key: Scoping Evidence Gathering Committee Approval Cabinet/NHS

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