

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. Select Committees are open to the public and are webcast live via the Council's website.

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?Committeed=124>.

Finance, Performance & Resources

The Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee has been busy over the Autumn finalising our Inquiry report on Income Generation, which will be presented to Cabinet on 12th December. At our November meeting, the Committee had an interesting item on Apprenticeships and the impact of a new levy and targets for larger employers and we heard about the initial findings of the Council's Property Review.

Members are now gearing up for our next in depth piece of work. The Committee will be briefed on 13th December in preparation for the Budget Scrutiny 2017, which will be held on 10th-13th January. Members are keen to encourage the public to get involved with the process – the meetings are open and will be webcast and the public will be invited to tweet in their questions.

Health & Adult Social Care

At its October meeting, the Select Committee heard from the Director of Sustainability and Transformation, the Chief Accountable Officer for the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Director of Communications about the NHS plans and new models of care being proposed along with the engagement plans. The Select Committee is also keeping abreast of developments within neighbouring STP footprints and the potential impact on Buckinghamshire residents and will continue to monitor and review the progress of all the plans.

There will be a special meeting in November to discuss and agree the scoping document for the next Inquiry which will be looking at Hospital Discharge, particularly in relation to performance around delayed transfers of care and to include a review of the Reablement Service. This Inquiry is due to commence early in the New Year.

Children's Social Care & Learning

The Children's Social Care and Learning Select Committee have recently been involved in reviewing and considering a number of key new and developing strategies. This has included the Looked After Children Strategy and a consideration

of the outcomes of a review of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Buckinghamshire which will be used to develop a revised SEND Strategy.

As part of its Voice of the Child and Young Person Inquiry, the Committee has been busy gathering information and evidence about how well the Council listens to the views of children and young people and to what extent it uses those views to shape services. The inquiry is now at the report writing stage.





Transport, Environment & Communities

At its last meeting, the Committee considered the emerging priorities within the Safer Bucks Plan providing member input at the early stages of the development of the plan. Members received an update on Transport for Bucks, focussing on issues including, gulley cleaning, street lighting, staffing and progress with improvement plans. They were also updated on the digital strategy within the Transport, Environment and Economy Business Unit, considering the future opportunities, benefits and limitations of the digital projects within the business unit.

Early in the New Year, the Committee will be looking at the Growth Agenda in Bucks, agreeing a scope for their next inquiry, examining the business case for the future of Library services and will receive the 12 month update on the Committee's flooding inquiry, monitoring progress against the recommendations made.

Select Committee Inquiry Work Programme, November 2016

Inquiry Title	Inquiry Chairman	Lead Officer	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 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)								
Delayed Transfers of Care	Brian Roberts	Liz Wheaton						
Transport, Environment & Communities (TEC)								
TBC	David Carroll	Kama Wager						

Key:  Scoping  Evidence Gathering  Committee Approval  Cabinet/NHS

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