

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 6 September 2016
Report for: Information
Report of: Chairman – Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee

Report Title

Annual Scrutiny Report 2015/16

Summary

The Scrutiny Committees are required to present an annual report to the Council on the previous year's work and their work programme for the year ahead. The report covers

- Scrutiny Committee
- Health Scrutiny Committee

Recommendation(s)

That the report be noted.

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Background Papers

None

Background Information

Relationship to Corporate Priorities	The Scrutiny Committees consider issues in accordance with the Corporate priorities
Financial	None
Legal Implications	The report is in accordance with the Council's constitutional requirement for Scrutiny Committees to submit an annual report to Council.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None
Sustainability Implications	None
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None
Risk Management Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	None

Report of the Scrutiny Committee

1. During 2015/16, the Scrutiny Committee met on six separate occasions. Many topics were discussed at these meetings, including Home to School Transport, the continued assessment of the One Trafford Partnership, and the Provision of Leisure within Trafford.
2. One of the six meetings was a special meeting to consider the call-in of and Executive Decision on the Review of In-House Children's Homes. The meeting took place on 16 March 2016, and following the Committee's consideration, the call in was not upheld.
3. There were two other call-in requests made during the 2015/16 municipal year. One was rejected by the Chairman, and the other was withdrawn following discussions between the Vice-Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Member. The original Executive decision was withdrawn and was reconsidered at a later date following changes to the policy in question.
4. As was the case in the previous year, the 2016/17 Budget Scrutiny process took up a significant amount of the Committee's attention last year. The Committee received an update on the process at the meeting on 1 October, 2015, followed by a presentation on the Budget by the Leader at the meeting on 18 November 2015. Following detailed Budget Scrutiny sessions held in early December 2015, the Committee submitted a report to the Executive which was agreed by the Committee at their meeting on 27 January 2016. The Executive provided their formal response to this report at their meeting on 17 February, 2016.
5. Following the 2016/17 Budget Scrutiny process, the Scrutiny Committee will be undertaking follow up work on:
 - Income Projections
 - Risk Management
 - Savings Projections and Assumptions
 - Collaboration (HR Shared Services & Exploration of ICT Shared Services)
6. Following a low turnout for the 2015/16 Budget Consultation, the Scrutiny Committee has requested that the Executive and Corporate Leadership Team provide a presentation on the anticipated framework for the 2016/17 Process. This has been scheduled for the meeting on 21 September, 2016.
7. As confirmed in the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2014/15, the Committee took on a considerable piece of work on Education during the 2015/16 municipal year. Following a meeting between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Corporate Director, Children, Families and Wellbeing a report was taken to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1 October 2015, where it was agreed that two Task and Finish Group's would be formed to investigate the following:
 - i. Closing the Gap: Reducing Educational Inequalities within the Borough of Trafford
 - ii. School Funding
8. It was agreed that the Task and Finish Groups would be convened one after the other, with the first investigating 'Closing the Gap'. The group met on several occasions over the municipal year, which culminated in a report with the group's

recommendations on how the educational inequalities gap could be reduced in Trafford. This report was presented to the Executive, who provided a formal response at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 16 March, 2016. A progress update on the report's recommendations has been agreed for the meeting scheduled for 11 January 2017.

9. Following consultation with the Interim Corporate Director, Children Families and Wellbeing, it was agreed that the investigation into School Funding would not be pursued. Due to the national uncertainty around the matter (a national consultation has been recently conducted), it was believed that a Task and Finish group investigation would not add any value and would not be the best use of the Committee Members' time. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman agreed with this assessment, and the item has now been removed from the work programme.
10. Scrutiny Members have been invited to register their interest in the following Task and Finish Group investigations for the 2016/17 municipal year, which were recently agreed by the Chairman:
 - i. A review of Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCPs)
 - ii. A review of Amey / the Council's maintenance of roads, parks, green spaces and general environment
11. In addition to the items mentioned earlier in the report, the Scrutiny Committee will also be looking at Devolution Manchester, Christmas Lights, and there will be follow ups on the Home to School Transport review, the Provision of Leisure within Trafford, and the One Trafford Partnership.
12. The Scrutiny Committee work programme will continue to be a standing item on the agenda, and the quarterly Annual Delivery Plan reports will be brought to the Committee for information as it becomes available. The Annual Ombudsman report will be considered at the meeting scheduled for 16 November, 2016.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee

13. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on six separate occasions during the 2015/16 municipal year. A wide number of issues were covered during these meetings involving representatives of various health partners from across Greater Manchester.
14. Topics included the Trafford Care Coordination Centre (TCCC), Integrated Care, and the Trafford Locality Plan. The Committee also received regular updates from the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Manchester and Trafford), the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, and HealthWatch Trafford. These updates will continue over the 2016/17 municipal year as standing items on the agenda.
15. A special meeting was held on 12 August, 2015 to discuss the decision made by the Committee In Common (CIC) in relation to the Healthier Together programme, which named Stepping Hill Hospital as the fourth hospital to specialise in general surgery and emergency medicine for patients with life threatening conditions. Following lengthy discussions, several action points were agreed for the Health Scrutiny Committee to move forward with.

16. During the 2014/15 municipal year the Committee held significant investigations into Dignity in Care and District Nursing, with both topics considered at several Committee meetings over the year. The Dignity in Care work followed up on a Task and Finish Group investigation on the topic in 2013. After the follow up the Committee produced a report with further recommendations to the Executive, with a formal response expected at the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12 October 2016. The Committee are expecting a final report on District Nursing once the specifications for the scheme have been agreed.

17. The Health Scrutiny Committee conducted a Task and Finish Group investigation into Delayed Transfers of Care. This culminated in a final report considered by the Executive on 20 June 2016, with a formal response expected by the Health Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 12 October 2016.

18. The Health Scrutiny Committee were also heavily involved in the 2016/17 Budget Scrutiny process, attending the dedicated Budget Scrutiny sessions in early December. The Committee's contribution and input helped form the Budget Scrutiny report to the Executive, who provided their formal response at their meeting on 17 February, 2016.

19. Following the 2016/17 Budget Scrutiny process, the Health Scrutiny Committee will be aiming to undertake follow up work on:

- Promoting Independence (Regular updates from the TCCC)
- Joining Up and Working Together (The Integration of Health & Social Care)
- Care Packages
- All Age Front Door Transformation Project
- Recommissioning of Contracts

20. In addition to the above CMFT recently announced proposals to establish a Single Hospital Service for the City of Manchester, which is set to be rolled out in two phases. The first phase would see the bringing together of UHSM and CMFT (target completion date set for April 2017), whilst the second phase would focus on incorporating the North Manchester services. These changes will undoubtedly affect Trafford residents who regularly use Wythenshawe Hospital as their primary hospital. The Health Scrutiny Committee will be monitoring the situation as it develops, and will request regular updates throughout the year.

21. The Health Scrutiny Committee have agreed to hold three Task and Finish Group investigations during the 2016/17 municipal year:

- i. The Wellbeing of Young People in Trafford
- ii. A Review of End of Life Care in Trafford
- iii. Homecare Review

22. Health Scrutiny Members have registered their respective interests for participating in the first two of these investigations, with initial meetings to be arranged in the coming weeks. The Homecare review will be a 'spotlight review' undertaken by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, where the investigation will be undertaken over the course of a full day of evidence gathering and meetings with the appropriate Officers and service users.

23. Other areas identified for the Committee's investigation include Primary Care Services, the implementation of the Care Act, Adult Safeguarding and Pharmacies.