

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 26 July 2017
Report for: Information
Report of: Chairman – Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee

Report Title

Annual Scrutiny Report 2016/17

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. This report covers the following:

- 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 – Councillor Michael Young, Chairman

1. During 2016/17, the Scrutiny Committee met on six separate occasions. Many topics were discussed at these meetings, including: The Provision of Leisure within Trafford; Home to School Transport; Trafford's Physical Activity Vision; and Business Rates Collection.
2. One of the six meetings was a special meeting to consider the call-in of an Executive Decision on the Changes to the Partnership Agreement with Trafford Housing Trust. The meeting took place on 11 April 2017, and following the Committee's consideration, the call-in was not upheld.
3. There was one other call-in request made during the 2016/17 municipal year, which was rejected by the Chairman on the basis that additional information had been provided by the Executive Member that clarified the decision.
4. As was the case in the previous year, the 2017/18 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 21 September 2016, followed by a presentation on the Budget by the Leader at the meeting on 16 November 2016. Following detailed Budget Scrutiny sessions held in early December 2016, the Committee submitted a report to the Executive that was agreed by the Committee at their meeting on 11 January 2017. The Executive provided their formal response to this report at their meeting on 22 February 2017.
5. Amongst other things, the 2017/18 Budget Scrutiny report highlighted the following:
 - Scrutiny Members felt that the information provided for budget scrutiny should be improved to enable Members to fully understand and scrutinise the budget.
 - Members felt that the risk assessments presented at the working group sessions lacked sufficient detail.
 - Scrutiny felt there was little scope to absorb overspends given the position on reserves, and were particularly concerned with the position the Council found itself on an annual basis with an overspend in Children's Services.
6. Scrutiny is considering the Budget Scrutiny process to improve the process going forward.
7. At the beginning of the municipal year, it was agreed that the Committee would conduct two Task and Finish Group reviews in 2016/17:
 - i. A Review of the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Process
 - ii. A Review of the Joint Venture Contract between Trafford Council and Amey.
8. Both Task and Finish Groups met on several occasions over the municipal year, which culminated in two reports with the groups' recommendations on both areas. These reports were presented to the Executive, who provided a formal response for each report at the Executive meeting on 26 June 2017.
9. Scrutiny Members have been invited to register their interest in the following Task and Finish Group investigations for the 2017/18 municipal year:
 - i. A review of the Council's CRM System
 - ii. Scrutiny of the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) Offered to Schools

- iii. Loneliness in Trafford (This will be a joint Task and Finish Group with the Health Scrutiny Committee)
10. In addition to the items mentioned earlier in the report, the Scrutiny Committee will also be looking at: Community Panels and Investments under the New Trafford Housing Trust Arrangements; Management of New Green Waste Fee and System; a further update on the Provision of Leisure within Trafford; Fire Safety within Trafford; and Trafford's Crisis Management Capability.
11. 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 15 November 2017.
12. Scrutiny have prepared for the coming municipal year by attending a Scrutiny Workshop on 'Shaping Successful Scrutiny' hosted by North West Employers. The Workshop was well attended, with the majority of Scrutiny and Health Scrutiny Members present on the evening.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Joanne Harding, Chairman

13. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on four separate occasions during the 2016/17 municipal year. A wide number of issues have been discussed during these meetings involving representatives of various health partners from across Greater Manchester.
14. Topics included the Trafford Coordination Centre (TCC), Shared Hospital Service, 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. The updates on the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and HealthWatch Trafford will continue over the 2017/18 municipal year as standing items on the agenda. Due to the large number of items tabled for the Health Scrutiny Committee in 2016/17 it has been agreed that there will be a minimum of six meetings in 2017/18.
15. The New Health Deal for Trafford completed its final change in October 2016 when the Urgent Care Centre at Trafford General switched to a nurse led model following consultation with the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. The Committee scrutinised the new model at a meeting in January 2017 and then through follow up reports in March 2017. The membership of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was agreed by Annual Council in May 2017. There are currently no meetings scheduled for 2017/18 however, the Committee will be convened if any issues arise.
16. During the 2016/17 municipal year the Committee held significant investigations into young people's mental health, with several meetings being held over the year. The investigation included a questionnaire to school staff, meetings with pupil and parent groups, and meetings with Commissioners. Due to the scale of the piece of work, it has continued into the 2017/18 municipal year and will culminate in a report to be submitted to the Committee in September 2017.
17. The Health Scrutiny Committee was 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 as detailed in the budget scrutiny section above.

18. CMFT and UHSM will be implementing the first stage of the Single Hospital Service in September 2017. The Health Scrutiny Committee received an update on the progress of the project in June 2017 and will continue to scrutinise the project closely throughout the municipal year.
19. The Health Scrutiny Committee has agreed to hold one Task and Finish Group investigation during the 2017/18 municipal year looking into loneliness within the borough. The Scrutiny Committee has agreed to undertake this piece of work as a joint venture with the hope being to maximise Councillor and Officer Resources. In addition the Committee will be taking up a number of time limited task and finish group pieces of work (spotlight reviews) around public health priorities.