

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Council  
**Date:** 15 July 2015  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** Chairman – Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee

### Report Title

**ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT**

### 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 2014/15, the Scrutiny Committee met on three occasions. Many topics were discussed at these meetings, including the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme, the Universal Credit roll out and impact on Trafford Assist and the outcome of the Scrutiny Review of Cycling.
2. The items, which took up most of the Committee's attention, were Budget Scrutiny and, in particular, the Joint Venture process.
3. Budget Scrutiny 2015/16 was discussed at the meeting held on 29 October, 2014. The Committee received a presentation from the Leader of the Council which set out the Executive's Budget Proposals for 2015/16 and the challenges facing the Council. Members of both the Scrutiny Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee then held detailed scrutiny sessions with Executive Members and Corporate Directors and identified key areas they would like to look into further.
4. The Scrutiny Committee will be following up on two areas in particular:
  - Management of impact of reductions in financial and ICT support services
  - School Crossing Patrols
5. The Joint Venture Contract process was discussed by the Committee over the year. At the meeting on 29 October, 2014 the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services presented an overview of the proposals and gave an update of the process for engaging private sector partners to deliver Environmental, Highways, Professional, Technical and Infrastructure services. The key risks to the Joint Venture were identified, which included performance monitoring, the realisation of expected benefits, the transferability of contract arrangements and slip and trip insurance claims, and the strategy for managing each risk was outlined.
6. A further presentation by the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services was brought to the Committee at the meeting held on 26 February. This provided an update on the work to engage private sector partners for the delivery of a range of environmental, highways, professional, technical and infrastructure services. The Committee received a report containing information relating to the terms of the Joint Venture contracts, the evaluation criteria for reviewing bids and an overview of the shortlisted bids.
7. As a result of these meetings, the Scrutiny Committee produced a report for the Executive's consideration, which was submitted to the meeting of the Executive on 25 March.
8. The Joint Venture Process will continue to be monitored by the Scrutiny Committee. The Committee received an update on progress at their meeting in June and have a further update scheduled for the meeting due to be held on 27 January, 2016.
9. In addition to this and the issues identified as part of the budget process, the Committee will also be looking at home to school transport, community safety, the community asset framework and town centre management. The Committee is also to carry out a significant piece of work on education.
10. The Committee have also flagged up possible items on libraries and leisure that they may add into the programme as matters progress.

## Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee

11. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on four occasions during the municipal year 2014/15. A wide number of issues were covered during these meetings involving representatives of various health partners from across Greater Manchester.
12. Topics included the procurement of specialised cancer services by NHS England, an update on Trafford Council's Alcohol Services and performance updates from Healthwatch Trafford, Trafford CCG and other health care organisations. The Committee also received regular updates from the Vice Chairman from the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and the Greater Manchester Health and Wellbeing board.
13. The topics listed below represent what the Committee identified as key areas of interest in 2014/15. Many of these items are still on-going and form part of the Committees work plan for 2015/16.

### Healthier Together

14. The Healthier Together consultation was presented to the Health Scrutiny Committee in July 2014. Healthier Together is a collaborative redesign of services involving NHS England, CCGs and NHS Trusts from across Greater Manchester. Members have a continued interest in the development of this work. NHS England representatives are to attend the Committee meeting on 7th October 2015 to provide an update on developments since the consultation.

### Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) – New Health Deal for Trafford

15. The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was established by Trafford Council and Manchester City Council in order to scrutinise the New Health Deal for Trafford. Representatives of NHS Trusts, NHS England and Trafford CCG give updates to the Committee on the performance of A & E services where Trafford residents receive treatment since the closure of Trafford General Hospital's A&E department.
16. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of Health Scrutiny sit on the JHOSC and provide regular updates to the Committee. It was agreed in March 2015 for the JOHSC to continue in this capacity for 2015/16.

### North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust (NWAS)

17. NWAS became an area of focus in 2014/15 as a performance report showed that ambulance response times in Trafford were significantly slower than in the other areas of Greater Manchester. A series of meetings were held to identify the reasons for the slower ambulance response times in Trafford. This culminated in the Committee submitting a letter to NWAS in January 2015 detailing their concerns.
18. This is an on-going area for concern with the Committee and they will continue to monitor the performance of NWAS in 2015/16.

## Integrated Care

19. In December 2014 the Committee received a presentation detailing how Trafford Council is moving to an integrated care model. The Committee noted that this was in the early stages of implementation and, given the large impact that this will have on service delivery, requested regular updates. Representatives of CFW, Trafford CCG and Pennine Care will be providing a full update on the implementation of integrated care to the Committee in December 2015.

## District Nursing in Trafford

20. Concerns about the provision of district nursing in Trafford were raised leading to Councillor Chilton meeting with representatives, of Pennine Care to address these concerns and explore how the Committee could support improvements. This was followed up by a visit to Meadway Health Centre in March 2015 and Councillor Chilton will update the board with his findings in October 2015.

## Quality Accounts

21. It is a statutory requirement for all health providers who look after Trafford Residents to submit a quality account annually to the HOSC for comment. Quality accounts represent an opportunity for the Committee to comment on the previous year's performance and influence the priorities for health providers in the year ahead.

22. This year both Central Manchester Foundation Trust and the North West Ambulance Service submitted their draft Quality Care Accounts and each has received comments in relation to their performance and priorities from the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.