

**Report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission**

Since the last meeting of Council a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Panel took place on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and a meeting of the Performance Scrutiny Panel took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The minutes from these meetings will be available on-line once approved at the following meeting.

**Communities Scrutiny – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

The meeting was due to consider the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, however, as the content of the Strategy was not yet complete, the item was adjourned to a future meeting of the Panel.

**Performance Scrutiny Panel – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The meeting considered the following items:

- Report 1: Draft Budget 2022/23 & Medium-Term Financial Strategy (2023/24 to 2026/27)
- Report 2: Draft Corporate Plan
- Report 3: Performance Management Framework

The Panel received and commented on the reports and the comments were fed into the meeting of the Cabinet on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**Forthcoming meetings**

Looking forward, the following items are due to be considered at the upcoming Scrutiny meetings:

**Performance Scrutiny Panel**

<b>Meeting Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Scope/Purpose</b>
Quarterly Financial Performance: Quarter 3 2021/22	To review the Council's financial performance in the third quarter of the 2021/22 year.
SLM Leisure Contract and Open Book Accounting	To scrutinise the Council's working arrangements with SLM.  The report should include performance data against set targets and comparative data against previous year.  The report should include customer satisfaction data.  At its Meeting on the 27th November 2014, the Scrutiny Commission resolved that this item should be considered by

the Resource and Performance Panel at a meeting to be included in the rota for Summer 2015.

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016, the Resource & Performance Scrutiny Panel RESOLVED:

- (i) that future reports should be based on six Key Performance Indicators;
- (ii) that details of the 36 Performance Indicators that are available would be circulated to Panel Members so that the six indicators mentioned above could be selected;
- (iii) that a link would be made with the Council's corporate system of performance management; and
- (iv) that future reports would contain:
  - financial information
  - information over a full year, separated for the two sports centres
  - some benchmarking information, where available
  - detail of complaints received
  - detail of injuries

At its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the Scrutiny Commission requested that the following information should be included in the report;

SLM to report on the following outcomes:

Participation Overall

By Activity:

- Swim
- Gym
- Group Ex

Customer Complaints

Energy Consumption and what is being done to reduce the carbon footprint.

Current figures plotted against previous year's figures as well as annual targets

3 x individual case studies based on individual and group work so the Panel can see the detail behind the numbers and the real value that is being delivered.

Open book accounting information to include;

	<p>To review the open-book process and whether the amounts paid are in line with agreed process.</p> <p>At it's meeting on 25th November 2021, the Scrutiny Commission requested that the following information should be included in the report;</p> <p>The Open Book Accounting procedure is what is being followed by HDC and SLM in respect of the SLM leisure contract.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The Open Book arrangement</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>The process and the amounts paid, to be scrutinised.</p>
Registered Housing Providers	To enable the Panel to receive an update from registered providers of social housing in the District about their provision of accommodation in the District. To receive information on the plans and actions of registered housing providers and their role in meeting housing need in the District.
Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)	To receive details of instances when RIPA provisions have been invoked.

### Communities Scrutiny Panel

<b>Meeting Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Scope/Purpose</b>
Market Harborough Town Centre Masterplan	To scrutinize the Masterplan before its consideration by Cabinet.
Voluntary Sector Strategy	To review the draft strategy before consideration by Cabinet
Health & Wellbeing Strategy	To input into the development of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy

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