

Report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission

Scrutiny Commission

Since my appointment at Annual Council, the June cycle of Scrutiny meetings has started, with the Scrutiny Commission having met on 6th June.

As well as considering a report on Quarter 4 Performance, the Commission has agreed the framework for the Scrutiny Workplan for the forthcoming year. In doing so, it has reduced the number of regular update reports going to the Scrutiny Panels, so that this time can be devoted to the scrutiny of important items, including:

- Built facilities strategy
- Update on S106 policy
- Building Control partnership
- HDC Commercial Services Ltd
- Planning Enforcement
- Market Harborough and Lutterworth masterplan

In addition, the Commission has agreed to set up a Scrutiny Task Group to inform and consider impact of the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan from the perspective of the Harborough District. Membership and dates for the Task Group will be agreed shortly.

The full Workplan will be made available online on the Council's Committee management system and individual reports will be included on the Combined Workplan, which is circulated to all Members each week.

Future Scrutiny Events

At the time of writing, the following meetings have been scheduled:

- 20 June 2019 Performance Scrutiny Panel
- 27 June 2019 Communities Scrutiny Panel

Training

Training for Scrutiny Commission members took place on 6th June and sessions for Panel members are scheduled to take place before the first Performance and Communities Scrutiny Panel meetings. New Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny has recently been published and copies are being provided to scrutiny members, and the implications of the Guidance covered, as part of their training.

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