

Report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission

Since my last report to Council we have completed the third Scrutiny cycle of the year, with meetings of the Communities and Performance Scrutiny Panels having taken place on 6th and 13th December respectively.

The minutes from these meetings and those in the second cycle will be available on-line once approved at the following meeting. In the meantime I can summarise some of the outcomes:

Communities Scrutiny Panel

Panel Members received annual reports from Charities and Voluntary Organisations supported by the Council and considered reports on Lightbulb Service delivery, the Council's Empty Property Strategy and the Partnership Register.

Performance Scrutiny Panel

The Performance Panel considered Quarter 2 reports on the Council's financial performance and Corporate Risk and Opportunity Management. There was also an update on RIPA and the Planning Enforcement Protocol.

Future Scrutiny Events

The final cycle of Scrutiny meetings will be start in March. The Performance Scrutiny Panel will be meeting on 21st March and the Communities Panel on 28th March. As I mentioned in my last report, the Scrutiny Commission will now be meeting two times each year and no meeting is planned for this cycle.

The following items are currently planned for consideration - further details are included in the full Scrutiny Workplan, which is available to view in the ["Public Documents" section on CMIS](#).

Performance (21/03/2019):

- The Council's working arrangements with The Leisure Trust/ Serco
- Quarterly Financial Performance, Quarter 3
- Performance, End of Quarter 3
- Risk and Opportunity Management, End of Quarter 3
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)
- Broadband Update
- Property Strategy

Communities (28/03/2019):

- Progress on Neighbourhood Plans
- Harborough District Community Lottery

Finally, at the time of writing the Performance Scrutiny Panel is scheduled to hold its annual budget meeting on Thursday 24th January. As has been the case in past years, all non-Executive members of the Council have been invited to attend and Portfolio Holders will also be there to present budget proposals that were considered by the Executive on 14th January.

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