

Report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission

Since my last report, the first cycle of Scrutiny meetings for 2018/19 has been completed:

- Scrutiny Commission – 7th June
- Performance Scrutiny Panel – 21st June
- Communities Scrutiny Panel – 28th June

Some of the main outcomes were:

Scrutiny Commission:

The Commission met to agree the Scrutiny Workplan for the forthcoming year. The full Workplan is available in the Public Documents section on CMIS [here](#)

Once again, the workplan is quite challenging and during the course of the year, I will consider using the flexibility in the structure for Scrutiny meetings to move items between Panels and the Commission to help distributing the workload as evenly as possible.

The Commission also received the usual end of year Performance update and raised a number of issues, including the queuing of calls for the Contact Centre and the transfer of tickets between HDC car parks..

Performance:

Cllr Mrs Page was elected as Chairman of the Panel.

The Panel received reports covering:

- The Symington Building: members scrutinised the operation and finances of the building, including the outcomes of the refurbishment and its use as a community facility. The recent Peer Challenge had been positive in its comments on the building and members had the opportunity at this meeting to ask a wide range of questions about the project and current operation.
- Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register Q4 – 2017/18: the background to the reporting system was outlined and the current risks to the Council were noted. Members of the Panel asked a number of questions of officers relating to the report.
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA): it was noted that the Council has not yet invoked RIPA powers.

Communities:

Cllr Nunn was elected as Chairman of the Panel.

The Panel received reports covering:

- Assets of Community Value: the Panel commented on revised guidance notes and noted the revised policies on compensation claims for asset owners and arrangements for future revision of the policy.

- Annual Review - Community Safety Partnership: the Panel was able to ask questions of the Council's partners.
- Health, Wellbeing and Leisure Commissioning: The Panel received a report introducing the Council's approach to this subject and the steps taken to focus resources in this area and to ensure synergies between the new Leisure Centre Procurement and Physical Activity Commissioning from public health.

Future Scrutiny Events

The following meetings have been scheduled:

- 06/09//2018 Scrutiny Commission
- 20/09/2018 Performance Scrutiny Panel
- 27/09/2018 Communities Scrutiny Panel

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