

Report of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission

Sands are moving and we are progressing. The edicts coming from Government are placing considerable pressure upon officers and members alike to absorb. Add to that our exciting transformation programme – you have quite a mix.

So although it was disappointing to have a late report to the extra and recent Resource and Performance Committee (12th Feb.) the report was expertly and clearly explained by the Section 151 Officer and he was especially thanked for that clarity by the panel.

We now look forward to the Scrutiny Commission on the 28th February. Members have put forward a list of items to consider for inclusion in the workplan and All non-executive members will have an opportunity to consider these on the 28th. The Steering Group met and considered the proposed Workplan on the evening of the 12th Feb. The Steering group will commend the Workplan to the Commission for consideration and finalisation on the 28th Feb. This meeting will set the scrutiny agenda for both the two panels and any task and finish groups the Commission request to be formed.

Could I remind all non-Executive Councillors that the quorum of Scrutiny Commission is 16 so here, like all meetings, it is especially important to attend or give your apologies. Many thanks and looking forward to a wide ranging Scrutiny Commission debate that will engage scrutiny as:

- The improvement arm of the Council.
- Setting items upon our agenda that have high public impact.

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Chair of Scrutiny