

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2016

Budget

The committee has acknowledged the excellent work of senior officers in relation to the preparation and delivery of the 2015/16 budget proposals. The exercise undertaken by the committee to review progress towards achievement of revenue budget savings through the year will be repeated during 2016/17.

Members have asked for a briefing paper on the proposed development of a new operating model for the Council. There is concern that the delivery of this item, which is meant to achieve substantial revenue savings, has been delayed.

In respect of reserves and balances, a request was made for additional detail to be made available in advance of the full Council budget meeting to enable total clarity to be given over the sums involved and their uses. This detail was subsequently provided as requested by the section 151 officer.

Planning Services

The committee invited representatives from the IW Chamber of Commerce, IW Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Hepburns Planning Consultancy Limited and Brighstone Parish Council to offer comment on the review being undertaken in relation to the delivery of planning services. This was very useful and added depth to the evidence already collated by way of questionnaires. The task group has also had a meeting with members of the senior management team from Planning. This was very informative and a report, with recommendations, will now be drafted for presentation to the committee for approval in due course.

Adult Social Care

Members involved in the scrutiny review of adult social care will shortly be receiving the second part of their background briefing on key issues from senior officers of the department. This will then enable questions to be drafted for use when engaging with key partners and stakeholders - as part of the information gathering process now adopted by the committee through its proactive in-depth approach to scrutiny of certain areas of council service delivery - as detailed in the work plan.

Arrangements have been made to keep the executive member responsible for Adult Social Care updated and this approach will continue to be adopted going forward.

**Councillor Dave Stewart
Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee**

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2016

The Sub Committee at its meeting on Monday, 22 February 2016 will be looking at the likely priorities for the IWNHS Trust in the coming year. These will relate to patient safety, clinical effectiveness and patient experience.

The problems being experienced in achieving the national targets for ambulance handover performance by the Trust has been a matter of concern for the sub committee over a number of months. The progress being made to overcome this will be reported and hopefully a satisfactory resolution is being agreed between the Trust and the IW Clinical Commissioning Group.

The pressures faced by health and adult social care services will continue to be monitored, particularly over the winter period, and an update provided by all partners.

The views of partners on the Council's proposed budget for 2016/17 as it relates to the delivery of health and adult social care will be sought.

The proposed closure of the GP surgery at Garfield Road, Ryde as from 31 March 2016 will be discussed and any appropriate concerns will be forwarded onto NHS England South (Wessex).

I have also attended briefings on issues related to the budget, met with voluntary sector providers, attended a carers training session, and met with individuals that have had direct experience of health and social care services.

Councillor Richard Priest
Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
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The committee will next meet on 2 March 2016. This will look at issues relating to :-

- Care leavers
- Missing/Child sexual exploitation
- Beaulieu House and transition
- Development of residential facilities
- Overview of school attainment

**Councillor Conrad Gauntlett
Chairman of the Children's Committee**