

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2017

The final meeting of the Scrutiny Committee in this term of the Council took place on 7th March 2017. An update was provided on the anticipated 2016/17 revenue budget outturn. It was indicated that there was a forecasted overspend of £250,000.

There were no further developments on devolution and the Leader gave his views on partnership working.

In dealing with the items being considered by the Executive, members noted the analysis of school attainment for 2016. This showed an improving picture and there was a concentration on those areas, such as mathematics, where further work was required.

The committee endorsed the special purchaser of land at the former Barton Primary School in Newport. The proposal to vary the current lease of Sandham Gardens to Sandown Town Council so to enable redevelopment proposals to come forward members highlighted the need to protect the existing open space and involve the local members and residents.

There was support for progressing with the harbour revision order for Newport Harbour. This is an issue that has been the subject of discussion over a number of years and it is positive to see that progress is being made.

The adoption of the proposed revised affordable housing contributions supplementary planning document were discussed and debated by members. This led to the committee not agreeing to the recommendation and urging the Executive to agree a tariff percentage of more than the 2% proposed. Subsequently, at Executive this led to a tariff agreed at 3%.

This being my last report to Full Council, I would like to thank all members both past and present for their support on both the Scrutiny Committee, and the Task and Finish groups which have been established and fed back since the beginning of this Council's term. I would also like to thank the support of Executive members and officers for the meaningful dialogue between both Scrutiny and the Executive.

It goes without saying, and I'm sure that my predecessors would agree, that the support of Paul Thistlewood for his advice has been invaluable and greatly appreciated!

Councillor Paul Fuller
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, 15 MARCH 2017

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the sub committee on 20 March 2017. This will be dealing with the financing of My Life a Full Life, something which has been requested for some time. Whilst the principles of the project are fully supported there is concern about its funding and the outcomes being achieved.

The sub committee is still awaiting the formal publication of the Care Quality Commission's report of its inspection of the IWNHS Trust. In the meantime it will be seeking assurances from the Trust the type of actions being taken to urgently address the areas where improvements are required and that these will be sustainable.

Consideration will also be given to the implications of the approved 2017/18 revenue budget for the delivery of adult social care.

Councillor Gordon Kendall

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
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2017**

The Children's Committee will be meeting on 23 March 2017.

It will be discussing the IW Safeguarding Children's Board's annual report for 2015/16. The Board's Independent chair, Derek Benson, will be attending for this item.

Members will look at the preparations that have to be made under the Joint Targeted Area Inspection and Single Inspection Framework for Children's Services. This will ensure that everyone is fully aware of what is expected of them and the evidence that has to be available to demonstrate the effectiveness of service delivery.

Updates are also to be provided on the Interim Strategic Plan and the National Funding Framework.

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett
Chairman of the Children's Committee