

Strategic Planning & Environment OSC Annual Review 2020-21

The committee held 7 meetings covering a variety of topics. The agenda and minutes for each of these meetings are The committee regularly scrutinises budget preparations and quarterly reports from other relevant departments in the Council, which is a core part of its role in the democratic process. These are all invariably well presented reports and I would like especially to commend those from the Finance & Resources for clarity and from Environmental Services for the comprehensive nature of the reports from Cupid Green in particular.

The Council has had to cope with both the Covid 19 pandemic lockdown and the production of the draft New Local Plan and therefore the waste services and planning departments have been under extreme pressure. Since both departments fall under the aegis of SP&E OSC, it has been a very busy period for the committee, which has been obliged to schedule some extra meetings. In fact total of 10 meetings were held and the minutes for each of these meetings are freely available on the Council's website.

In addition to quarterly reports for the departments which come under the remit of this OSC, the principle topics dealt with by each of these meetings are shown in the table below.

DATE	TOPICS
22/04/2020	Strategic Design Guide
16/06/2020	Climate Change
28/07/2020	Food Services Plan
	Car Parking SPD
	Air Quality
	Local Planning Enforcement
23/09/2020	Planning White Paper
	Draft New Local Plan (Part 1)
30/09/2020	Draft New Local Plan (Part 2)
10/11/2020	PSPO Portfolio Holder decision
01/12/2020	Hemel Garden Communities
20/01/2021	CIL and Section 106 Update
02/02/2021	Tree Policy
23/03/2021	PSPO Portfolio Holder call-in
	Climate Emergency Update

Also, The Expansion of Luton Airport, Fly Tipping and Waste Disposal were matters frequently aired by members and these topics will require further attention in the forthcoming Council year.

I would like to thank the Vice-Chairman, the Committee members, Portfolio Holders and Officers for their support.

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Chairman, Strategic Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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