
Strategic Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee Review 2016/17

The Committee held eleven meetings during the year, and considered the following matters.

June 2016

Provisional Financial Outturn Report - 2015/16
Environmental Services Performance Report - Quarter 4 2015/16
Planning, Development & Regeneration Performance Report - Quarter 4 2015/16
Regulatory Services Performance Report - Quarter 4 2015/16
Environmental Health Service - Introduction to a Service New to the Committee's Remit

July

Environmental Management System - Reducing the Council's Water Usage
Gypsy & Traveller Planning Policy & the Site Allocations Document Site LA5

September

Financial Outturn Report - Quarter 1 2016/17
Environmental Services Performance Report - Quarter 1 2016/17
Planning, Development & Regeneration Performance Report - Quarter 1 2016/17
Regulatory Services Performance Report - Quarter 1 2016/17

September (Additional Meeting)

Economic Development - A Review of the Local Economy & its Development
Water Supply - Importance & Role in the Strategic Planning Process

October

Park By-Laws - Review of the Implementation of New By-Laws in the Borough's Parks
Hemel Hempstead Town Centre - An Update on the Regeneration of the Town Centre
Tourism Services - An Update on the Council's Promotion of the Borough
Strategic Planning Site Allocations Document - A Report on its Examination in Public

November

Financial Outturn Report - Quarter 2 2016/17
Environmental Services Performance Report - Quarter 2 2016/17
Planning, Development & Regeneration Performance Report - Quarter 2 2016/17
Regulatory Services Performance Report - Quarter 2 2016/17

December

Budget 2017/18 - Preparation (Analysis of Provisions under the Committee's Remit)

January 2017

Housing & Planning Act - A Report on the Implications of the New Legislation
Development Control Efficiencies - Report on an Efficiency Drive within the Service
Regeneration Projects - Overview of the Council's Various Projects
Two Waters Update - A Report on the Development of a Strategic Plan for Two Waters

January (Additional Meeting)

Luton Airport - A Presentation on the Impact of its Development

Markyate GP Surgery - Considering the Failing/Resolution of a Planning Obligation

February

Budget 2017/18 - Last Committee Draft (Further Analysis of Relevant Provisions)

March

Financial Outturn Report - Quarter 3 2016/17

Environmental Services Performance Report - Quarter 3 2016/17

Planning, Development & Regeneration Performance Report - Quarter 3 2016/17

Regulatory Services Performance Report - Quarter 3 2016/17

Waste Services - Annual Report on the Council's Refuse Collection Services

Clean, Safe & Green - Annual Report on the Council's Streetcare Service

If anybody requires any more detail, then the agenda reports and minutes of these matters/debates are freely available on the Council's website.

Planning the committee's workload was hampered by changing circumstances, and it became necessary to hold two additional meetings. However, I am pleased that the committee rose to the challenge and that committee members continued to hone their oversight/scrutiny roles.

I would like to thank the Vice-Chairman, (particularly for chairing the June meeting when I was unavailable), the Committee, and Management/Staff for their support.

I would also like specifically to thank Katie Mogan for taking the minutes of our meetings, and Michelle Anderson for taking the minutes of the June Meeting when Katie was unavailable.

We haven't completed a full work programme for 2017-18 yet, but the Committee oversees/scrutinises the following council duties/matters:

- Strategic Planning (Local Plan)
- Development Control - Performance Only
- Building Control
- Economic Development
- Refuse Collection/Recycling
- Streetcare (Litter/Street Cleansing/Landscaping/Grounds Maintenance)
- Environmental Health
- Environmental Strategy (Climate Change Mitigation)

and if anybody would like to participate in our meetings, then they would be most welcome.



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Chairman, Strategic Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.