



Committee and Date

Council

21 September 2017

10.00 am

**ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017
ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE FROM 20 JULY 2017)**

1.0 Summary

1.1 This is an overview of the work of the Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee during 2016-2017. The Committee became the Communities Overview Committee following Council on 20 July 2017, and the report outlines potential areas of focus for the forthcoming year.

Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee

During 2016/17 the Scrutiny Committee has looked at topics from across its remit. The following have been the main areas of focus:

Leisure

- Indoor Sports Facilities
- Outdoor Recreation – Shropshire Public Open Space Sport and Recreation Needs Assessment
- Quarry Swimming Pool – including Call-in of the Cabinet paper and decision on Improved Swimming Facilities for Shrewsbury.

Highways and Transport

- Engineering Consultancy Contract – including the STEMⁱ Pilot, working to improve perceptions of Engineering in pupils and students.
- Winter Maintenance preparedness
- Street Works – Permit Scheme

Different ways of funding Service Provision

- Outdoor Recreation
- Community Enablement Team

Overview of wider topics

- Libraries Redesign
- Waste Collections
- Shropshire HomePoint – Housing Allocations

2017/18 onwards

Following agreement of the new Overview and Scrutiny Structures at Council on the 20 July 2017 the Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee has moved to become the Communities Scrutiny Committee. The Committee will have a strong focus on carrying out pre-decision scrutiny work, and making evidence based recommendations to Cabinet to be taken into account in the development of plans and decisions.

Significant Topics emerging for the coming year include:

- Police and Crime Commissioner proposals relating to the governance of the Shropshire Fire Service
- Environmental Maintenance Grants – Task and Finish review
- Local Joint Committees – future of
- Crime and Disorder Strategy
- Resilient Communities/ Healthy Lives (possible joint topic with Health and Adult Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and Performance Management Scrutiny Committee)

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Reports to Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee 2016-17
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Cabinet Members

Councillor Lezley Picton – Portfolio holder for Culture and Leisure Councillor Joyce Barrow – Portfolio holder for Communities

Local Member/s

All

Appendices

None

ⁱ Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths