



Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 17 January 2023

Scrutiny Performance Panel Progress Report

Purpose	The Committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel conveners will regularly provide a progress report, updating the Committee on headlines from their Panel's work and impact.
Content	This report focuses on the following Performance Panels: a) Service Improvement & Finance b) Education
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure awareness and understanding of the work of the Panels • Consider their effectiveness and impact • Consider any issues arising and action required
Lead Councillor(s)	Councillor Chris Holley (Service Improvement & Finance Panel Convener) Councillor Lyndon Jones (Education Panel Convener)
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 There are six Performance Panels which have been established by the Committee. Whilst the work of an Inquiry Panel leads to the production of a final report with conclusions and recommendations for Cabinet based on evidence gathered on a specific issue, the work of a Performance Panel represents regular monitoring of, and challenge to, particular services / service areas and issues.
- 1.2 Performance Panels are expected to have on-going correspondence with relevant cabinet / lead members in order to share views and recommendations, arising from monitoring activities, about the performance of services and service delivery.

1.3 The Committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panels Conveners will therefore provide a regular progress report to the Committee to enable:

- a discussion on the work of each Panel, achievements, effectiveness and impact
- the Committee to consider any issues arising from Panel activities which may have an impact on the overall scrutiny work programme
- awareness amongst the Committee as well as visibility across the council and public.

1.4 This report is about the following Performance Panels:

- a) Service Improvement & Finance – this is an update on work carried out since the previous update provided in February 2022.
- b) Education - this is an update on work carried out since June 2022.

To focus the discussion a short, written report has been provided by the Conveners and is **attached**. This includes a summary of Panel activities, correspondence between the Panel and relevant Cabinet Members, recommendations and impact.

1.5 The Service Improvement & Finance Panel involves the following members:

Labour Councillors: 4

Dai Jenkins	Hazel Morris
Matthew Jones	Rebecca Fogarty

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 5

Peter Black	Jeff Jones
Chris Holley (CONVENER)	Michael Locke
Lynda James	

Conservative Councillors: 2

Paxton Hood-Williams	Brigitte Rowlands
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1.6 The Education Panel involves the following members:

Labour Councillors: 5

Adam Davis	Sara Keeton
Beverley Hopkins	Hazel Morris
Yvonne Jardine	

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 3

Mike Day	James McGettrick
Susan Jones	

Conservative Councillors: 3

Lyndon Jones (CONVENER)	Angela O'Connor
Francesca O'Brien	

Uplands Councillor: 1

Sandra Joy	
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Statutory Co-opted Members: 2

Beth Allender	Parent Governor Representative
Dr. Elizabeth Lee	Parent Governor Representative

2. Legal Implications

2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel – SPC Update

Appendix 2 – Education Scrutiny Performance Panel – SPC Update