



Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 16 May 2023

Scrutiny Performance Panel Progress Report

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| 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 Panel: a) Climate Change & Nature |
| 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 |
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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 Panel:

Climate Change & Nature – this is an update on work carried out over the past year.

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

1.5 The Climate Change & Nature Panel involves the following members:

Labour Councillors: 4

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| Joe Hale | Hannah Lawson (CONVENER) |
| Oliver James | Sara Keeton |

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 3

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| Wendy Fitzgerald | Michael Locke |
| Mary Jones | |

Conservative Councillors: 2

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| Brigitte Rowlands | Will Thomas |
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Green Councillors: 1

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| Chris Evans | |
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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 – Scrutiny Performance Panel Update