



Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 8 April 2025

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) Education b) Service Improvement, Regeneration & Finance
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 Lyndon Jones (Education Panel Convener) Councillor Chris Holley (Service Improvement, Regeneration & Finance Panel Convener)
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1. Introduction

1.1 There are five Performance Panels which have been established by the Committee:

- Service Improvement, Regeneration & Finance (meets monthly)
- Education (meets monthly)
- Adult Services (meets every six weeks)
- Child & Family Services (meets every six weeks)
- Climate Change & Nature (meets every two months)

- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 The Committee is responsible for managing the overall work of Scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel 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.
- 1.5 This report is about the following Performance Panels:
- Education
 - Service Improvement, Regeneration & Finance

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

- 1.6 The Education Panel involves the following 12 Members:

Labour Councillors: 4

Adam Davis	Beverley Hopkins
Fiona Gordon	Yvonne Jardine

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 3

Mike Day	James McGettrick
Susan Jones	

Conservative Councillors: 2

Lyndon Jones (CONVENER)	Angela O'Connor
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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

- 1.7 The Service Improvement, Regeneration & Finance Panel involves the following 14 Members:

Labour Councillors: 3

Dai Jenkins	Mike White
Matthew Jones	

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 8

Peter Black	Mary Jones
Chris Holley (CONVENER)	Susan Jones
Lynda James	Michael Locke
Jeff Jones	Mark Tribe

Conservative Councillors: 2

Paxton Hood-Williams	Will Thomas
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Green Councillor: 1

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 – Education Scrutiny Performance Panel Update

Appendix 2 – Service Improvement, Regeneration & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel Update