

Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 13 January 2020

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) Development & Regeneration
Councillors are being asked to	 Ensure awareness and understanding of the work of the Panels Consider their / its effectiveness and impact Consider any issues arising and action required
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Councillor(s)	& Finance Panel)
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 There are seven Performance Panels which have been established by the Committee. Whilst the work of Inquiry Panels 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 Performance Panels represent regular monitoring of, and challenge, to particular services / service areas.
- 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 updates on work carried out since the last update was provided in August 2019.
 - b) Development & Regeneration this updates on work carried out since the last update was provided in December 2018.

To focus the discussion a short written report has been provided by the convener of each Panel, and are *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 Performance Panel has a membership of 10, as follows:

Councillors:

Labour Councillors: 3

Phillip Downing	Des Thomas
Peter Jones	

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 4

Chris Holley (CONVENER)	Mary Jones
Lynda James	Jeff Jones

Conservative Councillors: 2

Paxton Hood-Williams	Brigitte Rowlands

Uplands Councillors: 1

Irene Mann	

1.6 The Development & Regeneration Performance Panel has a membership of 16, as follows:

Councillors:

Labour Councillors: 5

Phil Downing	Peter Jones
Joe Hale	Mike White
Terry Hennegan	

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 7

Peter Black	Jeff Jones (CONVENER)
Wendy Fitzgerald	Mary Jones
Chris Holley	Susan Jones
Lynda James	

Conservative Councillors: 4

Steve Gallagher	Paxton Hood-Williams
David Helliwell	Will Thomas

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

Update

Appendix 2 – Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel Update