

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES CHAIR'S REPORTS

Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee

One scrutiny meeting has been held since the last meeting of the Full Council, this was on the 17th December 2021

Due to the BID manager being off sick, and the extension of the Public Consultation of the Borough Local Plan - these agenda items could not be heard and have therefore been deferred to the next scheduled meeting on 17 March, 2022.

The December meeting was therefore updated on both Town Deal Project and the Future High Street Fund.

Cllr Gary White
Chair

Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 29 November 2021 and the following matters were considered:

- Ben Adams, Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner for Staffordshire was welcomed to the meeting. He outlined the key points of his Police and Crime Plan, and Fire & Rescue Plan 2021 – 24; and the Committee was invited to ask questions. .
- Meeting with the Clinical Commissioning Group – the Committee received notes from the regular meeting between the Chair & Vice Chair, officers and Tracey Shewan of the CCG. The meeting had discussed the current situation with Covid including hospital numbers and the vaccine uptake.
- Reports from recent meetings of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel
- The Digests outlining the work of recent meetings of the County Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- The Work Programme was discussed and the Committee agreed that the next meeting would include a report on the Newcastle Housing Advice Service to consider the service now it had been brought back in-house and a report on the SPACE programme.

Cllr Ian Wilkes
Chair

Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 20 January to perform pre-cabinet scrutiny of the revenue and capital budget, and associated strategies, plus the scale of fees and charges for the forthcoming financial year. The committee will meet again on 24 March.

Cllr Mark Holland
Chair