

Bristol City Council
Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission
Review of 2015/16 Work Programme

Libraries for the Future

Agenda Item

17 July 2015

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16 October 2015

23 November 2015

11 January 2016

21 March 2016

This has been a major area of focus for Scrutiny this year, as expected, building on the work commenced in the last municipal year, where Scrutiny informed the shaping of the first city wide consultation and considered the outcomes.

In this year, Scrutiny has focussed on considering the proposals for specific libraries that were consulted on as the second phase of this work. These proposals put the libraries into 3 groups: one where we felt the new offer could be delivered now, a second group where with some investment this could be delivered and a third group of 7 libraries which did not fit into the above groups. The decision was to be taken by the mayor at cabinet in September 2015 and the mayor came to listen to the Scrutiny debate in August 2015, where it considered the cabinet paper. A Minute Extract of this scrutiny discussion went forward to Cabinet alongside a statement from the Chair.

Following the decision to keep all of our libraries open, apart from Eastville, although with reduced hours, the focus of scrutiny has moved to the implementation of this key decision including:

- Regular real time updates on progress
- Consideration of capital spend
- Summary of results of the local consultation for revised opening hours, technology upgrade, staffing and volunteering programme; buildings infrastructure
- Progress on re-provision in Lockleaze
- Details of discussions with organisations on future use of buildings in different areas of the city and of community offers

Waste

<p>Agenda item</p> <p>13 May 2015 17 July 2015 17 August 2015 14 September 2015 16 October 2015 23 November 2015 16 February 2016 21 March 2016</p>	<p>Like Libraries, waste has been a major scrutiny item in this municipal year. The first scrutiny session in May considered a series of exempt papers on the future of the waste collection contract and the proposal for a mutual termination of the Kier contract and the setting up of Bristol Waste Company, as a wholly owned council company to deliver this contract for 1 year whilst we consider future arrangements. Scrutiny played a key role in the discussion and advising of the Mayor and cabinet in making this decision.</p> <p>For the rest of the year the programme has focussed on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaping the refreshed Waste and Resources Strategy from development through to approval at cabinet • Oversight of single Waste and Enforcement action plan following 2 waste Inquiry days in last municipal year • Scrutiny of Bristol Waste Company’s performance x 2 • Structured dialogue with supermarkets on their impact on waste in the city <p>Waste will continue to be an important focus for next years scrutiny as a decision will need to be taken in the summer as to the ongoing future of the waste disposal contract.</p>
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Housing

<p>Agenda item</p> <p>13 July 2015 14 September 2015 16 October 2015 18 December 2015</p>	<p>Neighbourhoods Scrutiny were invited to join People Scrutiny in the consideration of the revised Housing Strategy before its approval by the Mayor.</p> <p>Neighbourhoods Scrutiny along with Place then took a lead in the setting up and organising of a Housing Inquiry day in October. This very successful day produced a report with 39 recommendations which have been received by Full Council and the Mayor. An action plan is being developed by officers to respond to these recommendations. The Chair also wrote to the secretary of State concerning the Housing Welfare Bill.</p> <p>In addition the commission also received the Housing Revenue Account Business plan as part of its work programme</p>
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Byelaws

<p>23 November 2015</p> <p>11 April 2016</p>	<p>Byelaws had been a major issue for Scrutiny in the last municipal year. Having completed the work to take to Full Council DCLG then advised that there was going to be a change in the way that byelaws would be made and we therefore put a halt in our process, although have continued with the public consultation.</p> <p>Aim is for Scrutiny to have completed all of its work, including a consideration of public consultation, by the end of the municipal year so that we are ready to take things forward once we have the new process from DCLG.</p>
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Voluntary and Community Sector Grants

Agenda item 7 July 2015 11 January 2016	<p>Again the work this year built on the work started last year in terms of bringing together all of the councils grants into a single place into a single prospectus. This has been a co-designed piece with the voluntary and community sector and scrutiny have informed the consultation document and acted as consultees.</p>
Food	
18 December 2015	<p>As part of the work programme the commission had asked for a position statement on the work that the council was undertaking in relation to food. This was provided in December with a further provided at April's meeting to pick up aspects where the commission wanted more information and clarification.</p>
Performance monitoring	
14 September 2015 18 December 2015 11 April 2016	<p>Scrutiny received performance information for neighbourhoods along with the directorate risk register. Where performance is red, management reports have been provided to give fuller information. The Chair has also worked with the Chair of OSM to consider the best way for information to be provided</p>
Environment and Leisure Traded Services	
14 September 2015	<p>As part of the work programme Scrutiny asked for a position statement on the services which are currently traded through Environment and Leisure. The issue of income generation is a wider one for the council so this was referred to Business Change Scrutiny to pick up as part of their work plan.</p>
Public Health	
7 September 2015 23 November 2015 11 January 2016	<p>The re-commissioning of Children's Community Health Services & CAMHS was considered jointly with People Scrutiny as it travels through a complex commissioning process. In addition the commission also considered Sexual Health Re-procurement with a further report to be brought back in September 2016. The commission also considered and commented the developing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment on the health and social care needs of children and young people which have informed both of these commissioning processes.</p>
Tree Planting and Tree Management Service	
11 January 2016	<p>As part of the work programme Scrutiny asked for a position statement of the tree planting and management service which was provided. Officers were also asked to brief the Chair separately on Memorial Trees Programme arrangements which has been completed.</p>

New Active Sports Partnership	
21 March 2016	Report received from the Director of the Sports Partnership outlining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for the partnership • Progress against actions • Plans for the future including 2017 European Capital of Sport
Neighbourhood Partnerships	
11 April	Scheduled item on agenda – report on how Neighbourhood Partnership Plans have been used
Employment and Skills Inquiry Day Report	
13 July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and Skills Inquiry Day – Initiated by Neighbourhoods with feedback at this joint meeting with People