

Scrutiny Task and Finish - Progress Updates and Next Steps (December 2017)

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1	Parks <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Romayne de Fonseca</i>	<p>The second meeting was originally arranged for 8/11/17 but was then postponed in light of the impending Full Council at which there was a large number of public statements, it will now be held on 11th December and will focus on opportunities for income generation as well as the recently revised financial situation.</p>
2	Council Commissioning & Contracts <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Louise deCordova</i>	<p>The group met with the Cabinet Member Cllr Cheney and officers on 9/11/17 to refresh the group's scope and work programme and discussed the concept of using public services to build better local economies.</p> <p>The next meeting will focus on an annual review of the council's Social Value Policy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consideration of the data collected to date • examples or case studies of the social value policy toolkit applied in the procurement and commissioning process • stakeholder feedback of the policy in procurement process from the voluntary sector, small business and union representation. <p>Future meetings will review the role of the CPG (Corporate Procurement Group), consider how innovation partnerships work and explore whether (KPIs) Key performance indicators could be recommended to monitor and drive the positive impact of social value in procurement on the local economy.</p> <p>Members agreed to reach out to the Adults and Children's Social Services Task and Finish Groups to jointly consider how elected members can have earlier engagement in the procurement and commissioning process.</p> <p>Future meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/12/17
3a	Demand on Social Services (Adults) <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Louise deCordova</i>	<p>The Chairs met with the Cabinet Member Cllr Holland and senior officers on 17/10/17 to review the group's scope and consider the future work programme. There was consensus that the group should have an additional role as a sounding board for the Adult Social Care transformation programme Better Lives.</p> <p>On 20/11/17 the group considered a presentation from the Better Lives Programme setting out the Better Lives Projects under 4 work-streams: Managing Demand, Efficient Workforce, Managing Price & Outcomes and Strengthen Partnership working; and discussed the Adult Social Care financial modelling and assumptions.</p> <p>Members received an invitation to attend the Assistive Technology event 23/11/17 which showcased how technology can help people live.</p> <p>The next meeting will explore the developing Better Lives programme communications and public engagement strategy; and</p>

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		<p>future meetings will include a Delayed Transfers of Care inquiry morning, consider social prescribing and explore the potential for use of assistive technology to transform services and save resources.</p> <p>The Chairs of the Adults and Children’s Social Services Task and Finish Groups alongside the Contracts and Commissioning Task and Finish Group have agreed to jointly consider how elected members can have earlier engagement in the procurement and commissioning process, in the new year.</p> <p>Future meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/12/17 • 22/01/18 • 19/02/18 • 19/03/18
3b	<p>Demand on Social Services (Children) <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Louise deCordova</i></p>	<p>The Chairs met with the Cabinet Member Cllr Godwin and senior officers on 25/10/17 to review the group’s scope and consider the future work programme. There was consensus that the group should have an additional role to act as a sounding board/quality group for the Family and Children's Services Transformation Programme.</p> <p>Members received an invitation to attend shared learning at the family and children services staff transformation event on 31/10/17 which showcased the diverse range of services provided by the teams within the directorate. At least two members of the group attended, and found it a very useful session, not least as they were able to meet team members who they would not usually come into contact with.</p> <p>The next meeting will consider and review outcomes from the children and families development workshop as well as a review of children’s services directory mapping to understand the services available to the Council and Partners.</p> <p>Future meetings would seek to carry out stakeholder activity with young people to understand how to prevent children and young people going into care; and develop subject knowledge/expertise.</p> <p>The Chairs of the Adults and Children’s Social Services Task and Finish Groups alongside the Contracts and Commissioning Task and Finish Group have agreed to jointly consider how elected members can have earlier engagement in the procurement and commissioning process, in the new year.</p> <p>Future meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/12/17 • 24/1/18
4	Council Assets	The Task and Finish Group Members met with Tony Bamford the new Interim Head of Asset Management on the 22 nd November.

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	<i>Scrutiny Advisor: Jo Holmes</i>	<p>Tony agreed to come along to share information about the short-term and long-term plans for BCC's property asset management. The group are likely to meet with Tony monthly in the new year (starting on 22/01/18) with a presentation and overview of the asset base.</p> <p>The group have however suggested they will likely meet again in the meantime to discuss how they can use the Quirk Review / Report in their work going forward and also continue the discussion to reaffirm what the aims and objectives of the group's work will be going forward.</p>
5	Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Jo Holmes</i>	<p>The Task and Finish Group members are meeting with Transport Officers on 29 /11/17. It was originally hoped that they would be able to discuss the MetroWest Phase 2 report at this meeting but this is not yet ready. So instead officers will be briefing them on, and hearing their feedback about, some of the highway, bus, cycling and walking matters that Members agreed would be productive, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway proposals • Bus lane proposals • Cycle route proposals • Westbury-on-Trym • Crow Land roundabout • Traffic modelling data – explanation of the situation and when Members will be able tom contribute to this <p>It's expected that the MetroWest Phase 2 Report will be ready in time for the next meeting which is 11/01/18.</p>
6	Air Quality & Pollution <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Jo Holmes</i>	<p>After a delay in the work due to a High Court legal ruling which caused a deferred Cabinet decision and then officers waiting for new Central Government Guidelines; the Task and Finish Group members are meeting with Officers and both the relevant Cabinet Members on the 5th December. Officers will be bringing along potential options for the development of a 'Clean Air Plan'.</p>
7	Children's Centres <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Romaine de Fonseca</i>	<p>This group has not met. Activity to commence December.</p>
8	Libraries <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Romaine de Fonseca</i>	<p>The Conclusions of the T&F Group will go to Cabinet on 4th December (date was originally 5th December). A formal response has been requested from the Executive. The Cabinet library proposals have been put on hold in the interim and will not now go to the December Cabinet meeting.</p>
9	Fire Safety in Council-owned High Rise Buildings <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i>	<p>Proposed that this would take place after the government recommendations have been issued. The timescale for this is unclear at the present time.</p>

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10	<p><i>Romayne de Fonseka</i></p> <p>Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) / Budget <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Louise deCordova</i></p>	<p>Members held a meeting on the 8/11/17 to consider an overview of the capital programme and the group's priority topics for more in depth scrutiny. At the meeting held on 16/11/17 members scrutinised the Parks savings proposals in more depth.</p> <p>The next meeting will consider implications from the Government Budget and take an in depth look at the Children's social care transformation programme.</p> <p>Members have considered the presentations to date, both informative and engaging. The interactions have inspired a great deal of energy from the group, as a whole, to find better solutions as they continue to develop an increased understanding about the Council's finances.</p> <p>Public meetings are planned with OSMB in December and January 2018 to review the corporate strategy and budget consultation documents and proposals.</p> <p>Future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/12/17
11	<p>Youth Council <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Jo Holmes</i></p>	<p>Since Councillors Keen and Brook and the Scrutiny Advisor went to the Bristol City Youth Council's (BCYC) meeting in October, the BCYC members did, as agreed, discuss the offer at their next informal meeting. They have now said that they would welcome some support towards their priority of 'Education for Life - Current PSHE curriculum'. The Scrutiny Advisor has since met with the Chair of BCYC to discuss the potential parameters the support that could be provided. A proposal for this has now been drawn-up but appears to have stalled at the point of being discussed between the BCYC and other relevant officers. Once this has been resolved and the proposal has been finalised, Cllrs Keen and Brook will communicate this with OSMB members and other members who may wish to support this work.</p>