

Scrutiny Task and Finish - Progress Updates and Next Steps (April 2018)

	Group Title	Progress update and next steps
1	Parks <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Romayne de Fonseca</i>	<p>The group will meet in April and go through, consider and comment on the May Cabinet Report proposals being taken forward from the recent public consultation. The group will then have their agreed response published with the Cabinet papers.</p> <p>It's anticipated at this same meeting there will also be an opportunity to confirm and clarify which aspects of the 'parks finances' Members would like to consider during the following meeting.</p> <p>Further discussion is also required to review the aims and objectives of the Group and confirm if there are any further long or short-term objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date of next meeting 19/04/18
2	Council Commissioning & Contracts <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Louise deCordova</i>	<p>The Chair met with the Cabinet member for Finance, Governance and Performance and noted that a new Head of Procurement would shortly be appointed and would support the next steps for the group, which will involve 2 pieces of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) traditional scrutiny activity to deliver a review /refresh of the Social Value Toolkit, and ii) policy development activity to work towards an alignment of the Social Value Policy with a wider City Procurement Strategy (incorporating anchor institutions) <p>Future meeting dates to be confirmed.</p>
3a	Demand on Social Services (Adults) <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Louise deCordova</i>	<p>The group held its final scheduled session on 19 March.</p> <p>Part A considered Social Prescribing with Public Health colleagues, identified the services available, the role of organisations such as Wellaware and Bristol Aging Better and the role of community navigators. Members discussed case studies of good practice taking place within Bristol and other cities and were advised how Social Prescribing fits within the Adult Social Care Better Lives Programme 3-tier model and heard how councillors could get more involved.</p> <p>Part B explored Delayed Transfers of Care with NHS and CCG Health Partners and considered the 'Better Lives' Vision: People can get the right help at the right time to promote independence and to prevent, reduce or delay the need for long term support.</p> <p>The group will next review its findings to date and consider appropriate next steps.</p>

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3b	Demand on Social Services (Children) <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Louise deCordova</i>	<p>The groups' session planned for 14 March was rescheduled and will be held on 19 April 2018. The session will consider the breadth and impact of services with real life examples; and consider the case for developing and investing in an early intervention approach.</p> <p>Future meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/4/18
4	Council Assets <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i> <i>Jo Holmes</i>	<p>The group have met twice in March:</p> <p>a) March 9th - with the Interim Executive Director: Growth and Regeneration and other senior officers to discuss the following council assets related questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Where are we now? ✚ Where do we want to be? ✚ How will we get there? ✚ The role of this group? <p>b) March 21st – the Group Members met to consider the contents of the Draft Property Strategy. Their views / comments / questions are being collated and sent to the relevant officers in advance of the next meeting where the draft strategy will be considered in detail.</p> <p>- Date of next meeting: 18/04/18</p>
5	Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Jo Holmes</i>	<p>Public engagement on proposed traffic mitigation measures will commence in June. The group members will initially be briefed and asked to respond. Further information to follow about the process.</p> <p>- Date of next meeting TBC.</p>
6	Air Quality & Pollution <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Jo Holmes</i>	<p>Bristol City Council is developing a Clean Air Plan to tackle air pollution through a wide range of measures and at the March Cabinet meeting considered measures to ensure the city is meeting legal limits for levels of nitrogen dioxide. Now this stage of the work has been completed the group are now at a point where they and Officers can discuss and agree where the group can add value in the coming months. The Scrutiny Advisor has been in contact with the relevant officers in order to instigate moving this forward.</p> <p>- Date of the next meeting and the details are TBC</p>
7	Children's Centres <i>Scrutiny Advisor:</i>	<p>An initial briefing was held on Monday 5th March, at Brentry and Henbury Children's Centre at the Brentry site. Member's considered the new model currently under implementation and discussed the opportunities and challenges</p>

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	<i>Louise deCordova (Interim)</i>	presented by the new structure. A further update to be considered in the autumn.
8	Libraries <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Louise deCordova (Interim)</i>	The Group to meet with the Cabinet member for Communities (Public Health, Public Transport, Libraries, Parks), Events and Equalities and officers on 17 th April to consider any outcomes from the Mutual Ventures consultant's report, once this has been formally received by the Council. Date of next meeting: 17/04/18
9	Fire Safety in Council-owned High Rise Buildings <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Romaine de Fonseca</i>	Proposed that this would take place after the government recommendations have been issued. The timescale for this is unclear at the present time.
10	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) / Budget <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Louise deCordova</i>	The schedule for future meeting dates to be considered at key stages of the budget cycle.
11	Youth Council Priority (this is not a Task & Finish Group) <i>Scrutiny Advisor: Jo Holmes</i>	No further up-date since the previous one.