

## Scrutiny Working Groups 2020

Topic	Main aims and Objectives of the Working Group	Chair & Scrutiny Commission
<b>Emergency Active Travel Fund</b>	<p>In reaction to the coronavirus pandemic, the Department for Transport's (DfT) fast-tracked statutory guidance stated local authorities 'in areas with high levels of public transport use should take measures to reallocate road space to people walking and cycling'. Funding has now been allocated in order to undertake this work in the following way:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. tranche 1 supports the installation of temporary projects for the COVID-19 pandemic</li> <li>2. tranche 2 the creation of longer-term projects</li> </ol> <p>BCC Transport Officers will provide Scrutiny Members with detailed information on the tranche 1 temporary projects. The Members will deliberate the schemes and provide feedback to officers on the potential merits and /or drawbacks of the schemes and make recommendations about potential longer term projects. The focus of the scrutiny being on 'strategy and delivery'.</p> <p><b>Please note: the Scrutiny Members are meeting later this week to firm up the details of the work.</b></p>	Councillor O'Rourke – Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission
<b>Finance Task Group</b>	<p>The Group Members are currently meeting with Finance Officers to understand the estimated financial impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the Council's finances and provide feedback on the proposed mitigating actions for 2020/21 and beyond.</p> <p>The Group's work is separated into 2 stages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Current Financial Situation and 2020/2021 Budget (3 meetings have already taken place)</li> <li>2. Preparation for 2021/2022 Council Budget and revised Medium Term Financial Plan (No. of meetings TBC but will begin again at the end of July)</li> </ol>	Councillor Clarke – Resources Scrutiny Commission
<b>Volunteer Network Response</b>	<p>Councillors have expressed thanks to the many Bristol residents who have volunteered their time, effort and resources to support their communities during the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdown. An opportunity to learn from this work has been identified with an aim to strengthen communities for the future. This Working Group proposes to examine the work undertaken by both Council led initiatives and local mutual aid groups, the interface between the two, and what can be learnt from the current crisis.</p> <p><b>Please note: the Scrutiny Members are meeting later this week to firm up the details of the work.</b></p>	Councillor Negus – Communities Scrutiny Commission
<b>Health Working Group</b>	<p>The Health Scrutiny Working Group will conduct policy review and development of how the NHS manages increased waiting lists within the context of Covid-19 response and recovery planning in Bristol. Lockdown has affected timely access to planned secondary health care. Working practices across the health care system have changed, and Members would like to reflect on and investigate how these may negatively and positively affect future access.</p> <p>Lockdown has led to delayed procedures, with increased waiting lists.</p>	Councillor Massey – Health Scrutiny Commission

	<p>Members would like to reflect on and investigate how delayed access to planned secondary health care has affected people, how service users are being supported, and how the increased waiting lists are being managed; and whether new ways of working can be utilised during the recovery and into the future to mitigate barriers to timely and required planned secondary health care access.</p> <p>Members will be informed by expertise, experience and insight from a wide range of witnesses via online evidence sessions and written submissions.</p>	
<p><b>Safeguarding vulnerable children within the context of Covid-19 response and recovery planning.</b></p>	<p>The People Scrutiny Working Group will conduct policy review and development of safeguarding vulnerable children within the context of Covid-19 response and recovery planning.</p> <p>Lockdown has increased risk of hidden harm with less contact with organisations/agencies and reduced availability of safe spaces. Lockdown also increased the risk of families disengaging with support.</p> <p>Members would like to reflect on and investigate how different working practices and methods have impacted identification of risk, vulnerable children and families, and safeguarding need; and how children and families have been supported. Lessons learnt can be utilised for preventative work coming out of lockdown and to build resilience for the future.</p> <p>Members will be informed by expertise, experience and insight from a wide range of witnesses via online evidence sessions and written submissions.</p>	<p>Councillor Hiscott – People Scrutiny Commission</p>