



West Lancashire Borough Council

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the fourteenth annual report on Overview and Scrutiny in West Lancashire, which gives a retrospective insight into the work undertaken by each of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees and information on some of the subjects our committees will be scrutinising during 2017/18.

In 2016/17 Overview and Scrutiny at West Lancashire operated through two Committees, the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The work undertaken has been wide-ranging and the report notes key scrutiny activity handled over the last year. Members in examining the issues presented to them have considered best practice and taken evidence from interested parties, highlighting the reasons that informed the recommendations resulting from their work.

Recognising the extensive and in depth nature of the work undertaken by the two Committees, I would like to thank, past and current Members who were involved in the scrutiny activities during 2016-17. Particular thanks goes to those external to the Council who gave up their time to attend meetings and contribute to the work of the Committees.

The Council continues to recognise the importance of the independent challenge of overview and scrutiny and the diversity of the contributions that has been invaluable in assisting the approach to overview and scrutiny at West Lancashire Borough Council.

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Borough Solicitor
September 2017

SCRUTINY IN WEST LANCASHIRE

In 2016/17 Overview and Scrutiny operated through two committees – The Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee continues to provide a cross-cutting forum to consider matters as follows:

- 'Call In' – scrutinising decisions made by Cabinet prior to implementation
- 'Post Hoc Scrutiny' – examining decisions after they have been made
- Considering matters referred by Cabinet or Council
- Making proposals to Cabinet or Council/reviewing the performance of the Cabinet and the Council's senior officers
- Conducting budget and policy development linked to the Cabinet Cycle

During 2016/17 under the Chairmanship of **Councillor Neil Furey**, the business of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee included consideration of the following matters:

'Call In'

One 'call-in' request was received. In respect of this request, following a debate no alternative decision was put forward to Cabinet. Detail of the item called-in is set down at Appendix 1.

'Post Hoc Scrutiny'

All minutes of Cabinet meetings were referred to the Committee for post hoc scrutiny. As part of this process the Committee raised questions and made observations on the following items:

- Environmental Improvements Budgets – use of monies (rationale) for the provision of additional car parking at sheltered housing accommodation.
- One for One Capital Receipts – vacated properties improvements (current position); retained capital receipts – exploration of financial flexibilities options (retained receipts/fund returns to Government Office)
- Forming a Development Company – Options Appraisal Supporting Construction Development – reporting mechanism following option appraisal.
- Hall Green Option Appraisal – Establishment of a Cabinet Working Group.
- Moor Street Gateway Project – authority of the delegation; on-going delegations as Project progresses.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding Programme 2017/18 – allocation process; feedback (successful bids); assistance with the preparation of bids; consideration by overview and scrutiny; understanding/explanation of the methodology/process.

Matters referred by Cabinet or Council to Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee for views and comments

Agendas regularly include items that are referred both to Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.

In 2016/17, the following items was referred by Cabinet to the Committee.

- Moor Street Gateway Project
- Local Plan Review – Scoring and Issues & Options Consultation
- Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 (Consultation Draft)

Detail of the items referred is set down at Appendix 2.

Making proposals to Cabinet or Council

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to make recommendations to the Cabinet or Council in respect of any issue.

Conducting policy and budget development linked to the Cabinet Cycle

Policy and Budget Development is also a key role for scrutiny and the Committee was involved in the following during the year:

- Council Plan 2017-18
- Corporate Performance Management 2017/18

Scrutiny members were also members of the following Cabinet Working Groups:

- Local Plan
- Funding of Voluntary Bodies and Other Organisations
- Landlord Services Committee
- Estates Revival
- West Lancashire Leisure Partnership
- Hall Green

Budget Scrutiny

The Committee has continued to be involved in budget scrutiny. Directors/Heads of Service and various officers across the Council have attended meetings to provide information and answer questions.

The Committee has been involved with the following budget monitoring during the year:

- Capital Programme Outturn 2015-16
- Capital Programme Monitoring 2016-17
- Revised Capital Programme and Mid Year Review 2016-2017
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Monitoring
- General Revenue Account Budget 2017-18
- Medium Term GRA Capital Programme
- Housing Account – Revenue and Capital Programme

Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The remit of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to:

- Undertake Performance Management.
- Conduct in-depth reviews/policy development within each Service, including related external matters as set out in its Work Programme for the relevant year.
- Routinely review recommendations from previous reviews.
- Consider Members' items (including Councillor Call for Action).
- Consider Items referred to it from the Members' Update at the request of a Member.
- Act as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee.

Under the Chairmanship of **Councillor Nikki Hennessy** the business of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2016/17 included consideration of the following matters:

Performance Management

The Committee plays a key role in performance management by:

- Monitoring and commenting on Council performance by considering regular performance management reports.
- Requesting additional performance information to scrutinise specific service quality.
- Holding the Cabinet and Officers to account if specified outcomes are not being met, ensuring questions are asked both about value for money and the performance of staff.
- Ensuring that effective performance systems are in place and working well.
- Conducting strategic reviews that include service performance in line with strategic objectives.
- Raising individual agenda items on aspects of poor performance.

During 2016/17 the Committee considered:

- Quarterly Performance Indicators ended 31 March 2016 with particular reference to:
 - HS1 (% Housing repairs completed in timescale) – financial impact of missed target; effect of downturn in performance on tenants/contractors performance; PI target triggers (balance %)
 - HS13 (% LA properties with CP12 outstanding) – process to gain entry; financial implications; variation of visiting times;
 - TS24a (Average time taken to re-let local authority housing (days) (General Needs) – financial impact of missed target; process associated with calculation of PI.
 - WL18 (Use of leisure and cultural facilities (swims and visits) – access to data
 - NI191 (Residual household waste per household (Kg) – changes in recycling of insert waste (charges) – impact on minor applications.

- NI195b (Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting) (Detritus) – Survey, details of locations visited; involvement of ward councillors.
- Quarterly Performance Indicators ended 30 June 2016, with particular reference to:
 - NI157b (Processing of planning applications: Minor applications and
 - NI157c (Processing of planning applications: Other applications) – commentary explanation
- Quarterly Performance Indicators ended 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2016, with particular reference to:
 - Performance managed through the LCC/BTLS Contract – provision of performance plans / breakdown of communications faults.

Relevant officers attended the meetings and provided additional information and responded to questions.

Other items considered:

At the request of Cabinet, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive annually, in the form of a presentation to Members, a report on the work undertaken in the previous twelve months on the:

- **ICT / Benefits & Revenues Shared Services**
An update of the work undertaken in the previous twelve months, as part of the shared service arrangements, is considered by the Committee. In 2016/17 the Directors of ICT and Revenues & Benefits of BT Lancashire Services, attended a meeting (14 July 2016) to present the annual report of that body and responded to questions on their presentations.
- **Leisure Trust**
An update on the work undertaken in the previous twelve months is presented on behalf of West Lancashire Community Leisure (WLCL)/SERCO. In 2016/17 the Contracts Manager, along with the Chairman of WLCL, attended a meeting (13 October 2016) to present the annual report of that body and responded to questions on the presentation.
- **Welfare Reforms and Universal Credit**

Following a previous request by the Committee, a further update on Welfare Reforms and Universal Credit was also provided in 2016/17 through a Members Update Article.

In-depth review/policy development

‘A Market Town Strategy for Ormskirk’

The Committee concluded its work on this review in 2016/17. The final report and recommendations were approved and submitted to Cabinet on 13 September 2016 and Council on 19 October 2016.

Following circulation of the final review report, the Chairman was invited to attend a meeting of Lancashire County Council Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Hennessey, accompanied by the Council's Technical Services Manager and Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer, presented the report to that Committee on 10 February 2017. The report was positively received by LCC Scrutiny Committee Members.

Progress on the in-depth study's recommendations were considered by the Committee at its meeting on 2 March 2017.

‘West Lancashire Tourism – The Visitor Economy’

In 2016/17 the Committee commenced its work to carry out a review to explore the visitor economy in West Lancashire.

The Committee received presentations and information from a number of external contributors including representatives from Marketing Lancashire, Liverpool Local Enterprise Partnership and Martin Mere Wetlands Centre.

Briefings were also provided by Officers from Economic Regeneration to assist in the exploration of the issues.

Work on the review will conclude in 2017/18.

Flooding of the Highways Drainage System

Following a request from the Committee this item was included in the Committee's work programme in 2016/17 in response to Members concerns in relation to the Borough's highways drainage system, following widespread flooding in the Borough in December 2016.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Lancashire County Council attended a meeting of the Committee for a question and answer session and provided information on the maintenance and programmed work undertaken by the County Council on highway gullies in the Borough, and the response by the County Council, and other agencies in flood situations.

Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)

Following a request from the Committee, after the item was raised from a Members Update item (see below), this item was added to the Committee's work programme for scrutiny in 2016/17. The Finance Director of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Change Programme (Healthier Lancashire) attended a meeting of the Committee, answered questions from Members and provided additional information on the financial matters associated with the STPs.

Scrutiny by the Committee on this item will continue in 2017/18 with a presentation, to a future meeting, from a representative of West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Other matters referred to the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee for views and comments

In 2016/17 the following items were referred to the Committee:

- Draft Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding Programme 2017/18
- Improved Planting

Details of the items referred are set down at Appendix 3.

Member Development Commission

The overview of the development of Members continues through the Commission, the Member Development Group representatives and Portfolio Holders/Shadow Portfolio Holders with special interests. The Commission meets twice a year and Members have been kept abreast of courses, conferences and other training opportunities and Members have attended these in accordance with their particular areas of interest. The Identification of Training Needs (ITNs) for Members continued.

Members have also attended events organised for them in-house including sessions on new member induction; overview and scrutiny; RIPA; licensing; planning; governance; finance; risk management; equality; procurement; licensing; planning processes/key planning issues; ICT; code of conduct and standards.

The Committee is kept up-to-date with the work of the Commission through the minutes of its meetings.

Public Involvement at Meetings Working Group

The Group, established in 2015/16, met on 3 occasions in 2016/17. The Group concluded its Electoral Review of West Lancashire and the outcome of its work on the Council's elected membership, ward boundaries, members per ward and the electoral cycle was presented to the Committee.

The Group will review its recommendations in relation to public involvement at meetings in 2017/18.

Member items/Councillor Call for Action

Any Member can ensure that any matter relevant to the remit of the Committee can be placed on the agenda and discussed at a meeting in accordance with the protocol for submitting Members Items and Councillor Call for Action in accordance with the provisions in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended).

There were no items requested under this arrangement in 2016/17.

As referred to above the Work Programme of the Committee was extended in 2016/17, in response to a decision of the Committee to include scrutiny of Flooding of the Highways Drainage System and work in relation to the proposed Sustainability Transformation Plans (STPs).

Items referred from the Members Update at the request of a Member

Members receive, through the Members' Update system, information reports on current and developing issues, performance, and decisions taken under delegated authority and are able to request items to be included on the next appropriate Committee agenda for more detailed scrutiny. Directors/Heads of Service and other officers attend meetings to provide information and answer questions.

In 2016/17 one item was requested from the Members Update – Minutes of LCC Health Scrutiny Committee 18 October 2016, Minute 4 - Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainable Transformation Plan (STP). As a consequence of a Member raising this through the Members Update process, the Committee requested a presentation from a representative of the Lancashire and Cumbria Change Programme (Healthier Lancashire). This subsequently took place at the Committee's meeting on 2 March 2017, as referred to above. Work in relation to STPs will continue in 2017/18.

Crime and Disorder Committee

Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge by responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 complement the provisions under section 19.

The Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been designated as the committee responsible for undertaking this function, enabling that committee to scrutinise the work of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership and the partners who comprise it, insofar as their activities relate to the partnership itself. The legislation gives powers to scrutinise the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) rather than the partners to encourage Members to focus on policy issues rather than individual organisations. The Council has a duty to carry out crime and disorder scrutiny at least once a year in order to fulfill its statutory responsibility.

At the meeting of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 March 2017 Members received a presentation on the role and the work of the CSP that had been undertaken during 2016/17. It detailed the Partnership's initiatives in and with the community during the preceding 12 months and the multi-agency approach to manage key local priorities. The Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager attended the meeting to provide information and respond to questions.

OFFICER SUPPORT

The Council ensures that officers effectively support the overview and scrutiny function to encourage a healthy culture of open debate and reporting. It has developed an integrated approach with officer support from a variety of sources: Member Services, Partnership/Performance and officers from Services across the Council. This integrated

approach means that a full range of professional skills can be used when undertaking any particular scrutiny exercise.

The Borough Solicitor is responsible for the Council's overview and scrutiny function.

Overview and Scrutiny Committees are administered by Member Services, led by the Assistant Member Services Manager, to bring a supported and corporate approach to the scrutiny process, whilst maintaining its independence within the democratic function.

This Council has a supportive senior officer culture for Overview and Scrutiny. As well as attending meetings, Directors/Heads of Service and other senior officers play a proactive role in supporting the function by:

- Assisting in identifying the work programme (ensuring it is focused on the Council's corporate priorities, thereby adding value), being mindful of big issues "on the horizon", scheduling in reports from the inspectorate regimes etc.
- Briefing Members on current issues.
- Assisting in identifying officer support when required.
- Overseeing the quality and value of reports to Committees.

The Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion Services leads the performance management agenda on behalf of the Council through:

- Provision of performance information, production of corporate performance plan, establishing the Council's high-level priorities, target and action.
- Corporate inspection regimes.
- Establishment of the Council's Performance Management Framework including the incorporation of service plans.

Officers from Leisure and Wellbeing Services and West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership have supported development relating to crime and disorder scrutiny.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY NETWORKS/TRAINING

Overview and Scrutiny Network – North West Scrutiny Support Officers' Network (NWSSON)

The network was established in order to look at the following:

- Benchmarking – to introduce a scrutiny benchmark, which would measure impacts and outputs;
- Share good practice;
- Establish a professional network and possibly arrange joint training on scrutiny matters;
- To reinforce the member network, organised by the North West Employers Organisation;
- To establish a channel for information and good practice.

During 2016/17 we have continued to support the Network by ad hoc attendance at organised meetings to hear from presenters, including representatives from South Cumbria STP; Lancashire and South Cumbria Change Programme (Healthier Lancashire); Cheshire and Merseyside (5 Year Forward View); Centre for Public

Scrutiny (CfPS); Care Quality Commission (CQC) and receive information on emerging issues. These have included: Combined Authorities and Devolution, NHS Sustainability Transformation Plans (STPs); Engagement with Scrutiny (CQC), CfPS – Championing the role of Scrutiny.

North West Strategic Scrutiny Network (NWSSN) – North West Employers' Organisation

This councillor led network is for scrutiny chairmen, vice chairmen and experienced scrutineers. The role of the group is to support councillors in their development of their scrutiny function role, share good practice and advice and highlight local and national drivers.

The network is open to both Councillors and officers in organisations who hold membership with North West Employers.

The NWSSN aims are:

- To increase collaboration between authorities to ensure greater efficiencies and explore value for money approaches.
- To support the value of overview and scrutiny.
- To share intelligence, knowledge, resources and generate ideas to improve scrutiny function.
- To disseminate information on national and regional initiatives to ensure equal opportunity.
- To share strategic and practical contributions and recognise the value of listening to experiences.

The NWSSN, Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) and NWE also provide sign-posts to guidance and information through Bulletins and Newsletters.

HEALTH SCRUTINY

Health Scrutiny functions are conferred on Councils with social services responsibilities as a result of The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Well-Being Boards and Health Scrutiny) 2013 Regulations.

The Health Scrutiny Committee at LCC exercises the statutory functions of a health overview and scrutiny Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to review and scrutinise issues around public health and health inequalities. Membership includes 12 non-voting co-opted district Council Members. In 2016/17 West Lancashire's representative was Councillor G Hodson.

Members receive regular Members' Updates on the work being undertaken by the Committee in order to provide an opportunity to feed back any comments via the Council's representative or request items to be included on the next appropriate Committee agenda for more detailed scrutiny as referred to above in relation to the Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP).

The North West Ambulance Service also provide information through Bulletins to its stakeholders.

PUBLICITY

Press releases are regularly sent out to the local press in the area. Independent articles related to work undertaken through the reviews have also been reported on in newspapers circulating in the Borough. Items covered have included: Ormskirk Town Centre – car parking; “gullies”; traffic problems; traffic regulations; market town branding; supporting small firms. Alcohol - responsible drinking. Cycling – cyclists safety and cycle path provision. Flooding in the Borough – land drainage; capacity of local pumping stations; flood prevention and on the Tourism and Polling Station reviews.

WORK PROGRAMMES

The process for establishing the work programmes is well established.

- **Members of the Council** submit topics (to ensure Member involvement)
- **Members of the Corporate Management Team** submit topics (to ensure a strategic input into the process)
- **Members of the public** submit topics via a press release and the inclusion of an article on the Council’s web site (to encourage public participation)

The Work Programme for each Committee is included on the Council’s web site, which includes a facility to submit potential topics. Comments in relation to overview and scrutiny in general may also be sent.

The Council uses well-established Selection/Rejection Criteria for scoring topics to ensure a structured approach to the selection of topics to be included in the Work Programme.

Other area of supportive related scrutiny work undertaken during 2016/17 has included the completion of the Annual CfPS Survey.

THE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

- The Annual Report will routinely be submitted to Council.
- The Overview and Scrutiny web page will continue to be updated.
- Support will continue for innovative reviews.
- Work in relation to joint scrutiny with the County Council, will continue to be developed, within existing resources.
- Performance Management including the annual review of the work undertaken through BT Lancashire Services and West Lancashire Leisure Trust.
- Operation of the overview and scrutiny agenda through two Committees.
- Participation in the Scrutiny Networks, where appropriate.
- Further training will be provided for officers and members, within existing resources.

CONCLUSION

This report has highlighted the main activities undertaken by overview and scrutiny during 2016/17. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees have considered a range of issues that impact on the Council and the Borough as a whole. Overview and Scrutiny will continue to ensure policies and practices are developed and meet objectives.

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We are always happy to talk to you about what is happening in overview and scrutiny. If you have any comments or topics for future scrutiny work, then please do get in touch. You can also visit our website at www.westlancs.gov.uk

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 2017/18

In 2017/18 overview and scrutiny will operate through two Committees:

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APPENDIX 1

'CALLED IN' ITEM

During 2016/17 the following 'call in' request was considered:

DATE OF O&S MEETING	ITEM	DECISION OF EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	ACTION
29 September 2016	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding Programme	It was determined that the Committee did not wish to ask for a different decision to the one agreed by Cabinet on 13 September 2016.	<p>As a consequence of the discussion on this item, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning the Deputy Director of Development and Regeneration subsequently submitted a report to the meeting of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1 December 2016 that outlined the feedback from the public consultation that had taken place in October 2016 and provided an explanation on the methodology and the process in respect of the CIL funding.</p> <p>The item was subsequently referred to the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a request that a further explanation of the methodology used in relation to the spending recommendations of "strategic" CIL monies be provided. (Appendix 3 below provides detail of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny consideration of the item).</p>

Items referred from the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a result of pre or post-hoc scrutiny.

DATE OF O&S MEETING	ITEM	DECISION OF EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	ACTION
29 Sept 2016	<p>Moor Street Gateway Project</p> <p>The Part 2 item was referred to the Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet to seek views in relation to the Moor Street Gateway Project and procurement options.</p>	That, as a consequence of the discussion on the item, it was agreed that the recommendations to Cabinet be supported.	The decision (Minute 22) of the Committee was subsequently submitted with the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration to Cabinet (meeting 8 November 2016)
30 March 2017	<p>Local Plan Review – Scoping and Issues & Options Consultation</p> <p>The item was referred to the Committee following consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 22 February 2017.</p> <p>The Director of Development and Regeneration and the Strategic Planning (DDR) and Implementation Manager attended the meeting and provided clarification on issues raised, referring to detail as set down in the report.</p>	That, the report (of the DD&R) be noted.	Minute 55 was subsequently passed to the DDR and Portfolio Holder for Planning.
30 March 2017	<p>Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 (Consultation Draft)</p> <p>The item was referred to the Committee following consideration by Cabinet at its meeting 14 March 2017.</p> <p>The Homelessness and Private Sector Housing Manager (PSHM) attended the meeting provided an overview and clarification on issues raised, referring to details as set down in the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing (DL&W).</p> <p>Members were informed that Cabinet had approved the Draft Strategy for public consultation.</p>	That, the report (of the DL&W) be noted and thanks be extended to everyone involved in bringing the Strategy forward.	Minute 59 was subsequently passed to the DL&W and PSHM.

APPENDIX 3

Other Items considered by the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

DATE OF O&S MEETING	ITEM	DECISION OF CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	ACTION
1 Dec 2016	<p>Draft Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy</p> <p>Following a previous review on ‘Cycling in West Lancashire,’ conducted by the Committee, this item was included on the agenda, and sought comments, prior to consideration by Cabinet, at its meeting on 10 January 2017.</p> <p>The Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager attended the meeting, provided an overview of the proposals in relation to the adoption of the Strategy, its content and aspirations, referring to details set down in the report (and appendices) of the Director of Development and Regeneration.</p>	<p>As a consequence of discussion on this item, it was agreed that the comments to Cabinet be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) “That the recommendation to Cabinet, be supported. (2) That Cabinet recognises the importance of the contribution that the Green Infrastructure Strategy will make towards addressing impacts of climate change within West Lancashire. (3) That the benefits linked to health and wellbeing (a Council priority) be noted.” 	<p>The decision (Minute 46) of the Committee was subsequently considered with the report to Cabinet at its meeting on 10 January 2017.</p>
1 Dec 2016	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding Programme 2017/18</p> <p>The item was referred to the Committee at the request of the Portfolio Holder, as a consequence of post-hoc scrutiny by the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 29 September 2016, following a call-in request. A further explanation of the methodology used in relation to the spending recommendations of “strategic” CIL monies had also been requested.</p>	<p>As a consequence of discussion on this item, it was agreed that the comments be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) “That the Committee supports the projects recommended as set down at paragraph 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 and that these be referred to 	<p>The decision (Minute 44) of the Committee was subsequently considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 10 January 2018.</p>

	<p>The Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager attended the meeting and provided an overview of the options, the methodology used, answered questions and provided clarification on the issues raised, referring to detail as set down in the report (and appendices) of the Director of Development and Regeneration</p>	<p>Cabinet for consideration.</p> <p>(2) That elected Members have a greater involvement in the initial assessment and short-listing process of the projects.”</p>	
2 March 2017	<p>Improved Planting</p> <p>This one-off topic, raised by a member of the public, was included as part of the Committee’s Work Programme in 2016/17. The members of the public were invited along to the meeting to hear the debate and make representations under the Public Speaking at meetings procedure.</p> <p>The Committee heard from the Deputy Director of Street Scene (DDSS) who in his presentation provided information in relation to the maintenance of shrub beds on Council owned land.</p>	<p>As a consequence of discussion on this item, it was agreed that the comments, to the DDSS, be</p> <p>“That the presentation and closer collaboration between the Borough Council and Lancashire County Council in relation to the maintenance and plant management of Council land, be noted.”</p>	<p>The decision (Minute 57) of the Committee was subsequently passed to the DDSS.</p>