

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2011 to March 2012

Select Committee: *Safe and Healthy People Select Committee*
Report of Chairman: *Councillor Pat West*

Statutory Duties undertaken, In-depth Reviews / outcomes being monitored:

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny:

The Committee hold the responsibility for the scrutiny of 'Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships' (now termed as 'Community Safety Partnerships'), as per the Police & Justice Act 2006, and therefore invite representatives of the County Strategy Group annually to make reports on the work of such groups. In 2011/12, the Committee invited a report on the recommendations made by the Committee in relation to domestic violence and anti-social behaviour in 2010, as well as the general progress of the County Strategy Group, the future role and impact of the Police and Crime Commissioner, and an overview of the Youth Offending Team service and Integrated Offender Management workstreams.

Age Proofing Mainstream Public Services / Engaging with Older People

A business case based on the recommendations agreed by Select Committee was submitted to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources in May 2011, where it was agreed that the proposals be implemented by the Council's Research and Intelligence team. The Committee are now monitoring the recommendations as they are embedded across the organisation.

Light Touch Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:

Safeguarding Adults:

The Committee received a biannual report from Adult Services on safeguarding matters and related issues. Members were regularly informed of the protocols that are in place to support the safeguarding of adults, and the regular monitoring of this topic has allowed Members to make comments and recommendations to key officers and the Executive Member on any issues of concern.

Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:

Transformation of In House Learning Disability Services:

Members reviewed the outcomes of the consultation held with service users, their families, carers and staff on the transformation of in-house learning disability services, together with the proposals for the future of the service. Members heard that the proposals had changed significantly following the feedback received during the consultation, and were supported by the majority of individuals involved in the consultation. Members were satisfied that account had been taken of the views of those using the services, and that steps had been taken to assure individuals who had concerns over the future of the service. The Committee commended the recommendations for decision by the Executive Member, and will continue to monitor the two-year transformation of this service.

Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:

N/A

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

Department 'Risk List' – Adult Services

The Committee continued to form a three-member 'Adult Services risk-list' working group in 2011/12, which met prior to each formal meeting, and reported back to the Select Committee on areas of concern requiring further scrutiny. The working group's agreed priorities for 2011/12 focused on finances, demography, the transformation of adult services, NHS funding and partnerships, and safeguarding.

Revenue and Capital Budget 2012/13:

Members pre-scrutinised the revenue and capital budget for 2012/13 onwards at their January 2012 meeting. Following questions, Members agreed with the recommendations set out to the Executive Member for Adult Services in relation to both the revenue and capital budget.

Policy Review:

N/A

Questioning and Exploring Areas of Interest and Concern:

- Joint Mental Health Commissioning Strategy
- Supporting People programme

Upcoming Topics:

- Safeguarding Adults (Light-Touch Review)
- Mental Health Joint Commissioning Strategy (Monitoring)
- Transformation of In House Learning Disability Services (Monitoring)