

Warwickshire County Council
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report
2020 - 2021

Introduction

Welcome to the 2020/2021 Warwickshire County Council review of Overview and Scrutiny. This report highlights key issues undertaken and completed by each of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Effective scrutiny serves to hold the administration to account and helps the development of new policies. In addition to formal committee meetings, delivery of the work programme is achieved through briefing notes and 'task and finish' groups that focus on areas of concern or development.

Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee, made up of non-Cabinet members, meets approximately four times a year. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organisation confirmed Coronavirus as a Pandemic and countries around the world went into lock down to slow down the spread of the disease. As a result of the requirement to move to virtual meetings, some scheduled meetings had to be postponed. In each case, members and officers worked closely to ensure that nothing was lost from the work programme; and that as soon as protocols were in place, meetings were held again virtually. Additions to each committee's work programme included updates in relation to the impact of the Pandemic on each service area relevant to the committee.

Residents of Warwickshire have always had an open invitation to put forward items for consideration by the relevant committees. Work was done to ensure that this was not impacted by the Pandemic. Each meeting, while held virtually, was streamed live via the Council's YouTube channel. Proposals from the public, as well as from other members and officers are considered at a meeting of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Group Spokespersons and if considered appropriate will be added to the committee's work programme.

In May 2021, Warwickshire County Council held an election and as a result, welcomed 26 new members; many of whom now have a place on one of the four scrutiny committees. Looking forward to 2021/2022, Overview and Scrutiny Committees will continue to have a key role to play in the quality of services delivered to the people of Warwickshire.

As we continue to recover from the Pandemic, one step at a time, there will be a key role for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to consider all aspects of recovery as are relevant to their remit. I am confident that their contribution will be a positive one

Councillor Isobel Seccombe

Leader of Warwickshire County Council
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Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This Committee reviews and scrutinises the provision of public services in Warwickshire relating to adult social care services including social care to older people and people with disabilities, policies and services for safeguarding adults and any matter relating to the planning provision and operation of health services for adults and children in Warwickshire

“This Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a broad remit, monitoring organisations that commission and provide health and social care services throughout Warwickshire.

This includes a focus on clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), acute and primary care providers, work with Healthwatch Warwickshire, as well as monitoring services commissioned and provided by the County Council. The committee’s workload is considerable and requires prioritisation. The response to the Covid-19 Pandemic throughout this year has impacted on many of the services under the committee’s remit, set against a backdrop of continued change within the commissioning and delivery of services.”

Councillor Wallace Redford

Internal Support and Areas of Scrutiny

The committee is supported by lead officers in the People Group who purchase (commission) or deliver social care and public health services. Members scrutinise individual service areas, whilst also focusing on performance against targets. Examples are provided below of the focus areas during this year. Briefing documents between meetings and themed development sessions add capacity to broaden members’ understanding of the wide range of services within the committee’s remit. A wider briefing session was held during this year on the Home Environment Assessment and Response Team, with periodic written briefings too.

Health

The committee scrutinises the performance of local health commissioners and service providers. It also has a statutory scrutiny role in relation to health service reconfigurations. A key area for review this year was the merger of the three clinical commissioning groups serving Coventry and Warwickshire into a single organisation. This was considered at three meetings after which, the committee offered its support to the proposals.

The response to the Covid-19 Pandemic has been considered throughout this year. It created an unprecedented situation, which the Coventry and Warwickshire health and care system responded to with significant pace, implementing a four-phase response to the first wave of the Pandemic and was impacted by subsequent waves, particularly over the winter period.

Throughout this year reports were provided by NHS colleagues. David Eltringham, Managing Director of the George Eliot Hospital and Chair of the Warwickshire North Place Executive addressed the committee, providing updates on the impact of Covid-19 and the reinstatement of services. Updates were also provided by him on phlebotomy services, in response to concerns raised by members at an earlier meeting and about additional theatre capacity to assist in tackling the backlog of elective surgery procedures. A comprehensive update was provided by the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust, covering a range of service and performance aspects, including hospital handover, the 111 service, the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic and maternity developments.

Joint Scrutiny

Through joint scrutiny work with neighbouring areas, the committee is represented on health service reviews affecting Warwickshire residents. The area covering both Coventry and Warwickshire is the 'footprint' for this work and a joint health overview and scrutiny committee meets to review service reconfiguration proposals affecting both areas. There are reciprocal arrangements for the chairs to attend their counterpart's health scrutiny meeting. There is a joint scrutiny committee for the Horton General Hospital in Banbury, which has been reconvened to look at the masterplan for the development of services at this hospital. Internally, joint committees are held with the Children & Young People OSC and the Communities OSC on areas of common interest. Details are reported elsewhere in this annual report on those joint arrangements.

Public Health and Strategic Commissioning

The Director of Public Health and Strategic Director for the People Group attend every meeting, providing important updates to members. During this year there was a strong focus on the Covid-19 Pandemic with officers providing reports on the proposed recovery approach after the first wave. A standing item from the Director of Public Health provided updates to members on Covid case data across the region and locally, as well as the test, trace and isolate work, including advice and support to employers/businesses. Later updates reported progress with the vaccination programme and initiatives to respond to new variants of Covid.

Work with Partners

The committee works closely with Healthwatch Warwickshire, the voluntary organisation which provides the 'patient voice'. Healthwatch has an active role in shaping the committee's work programme; it contributes to debate in meetings and updates the committee on its own work areas. During this year, Healthwatch presented the findings from its survey of how Covid-19 had affected the health and wellbeing of local people. A key aspect identified was the impact on mental wellbeing.

A new initiative introduced this year is 'Questions to the NHS'. Committee members give notice of questions to service commissioners and providers on any issue in relation to health services. An NHS representative will attend the meeting to give a verbal response and where appropriate, this is followed by a detailed written briefing.

This is in addition to the member 'question time' to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health, who for this year was Councillor Les Caborn who also chaired the county Health and Wellbeing Board.

Engagement with the Public

A public speaking item is included on the agenda for every meeting. During this year, there have been public questions and statements submitted by individuals and groups to several meetings, in the main concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic and responses to it. Examples are the test, trace and isolate work, the ability of local volunteers to assist with contact tracing, CCG deficits and false negative Covid test results.

Key Organisations monitored by the Committee

Clinical Commissioning Groups: Coventry and Rugby, South Warwickshire, and Warwickshire North

Provider Trusts: Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust, George Eliot NHS Hospital Trust, South Warwickshire Foundation Trust, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust.

Key partners that the Committee engages with as part of its remit

- Care Quality Commission
- Coventry City Council and Oxfordshire County Council (joint health scrutiny)
- District and borough councils (co-opted representation)
- Healthwatch Coventry
- Healthwatch Warwickshire
- NHS England and NHS Improvement

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This committee reviews and scrutinises the provision of public services in Warwickshire relating to education and skills, services for children, families and young people including schools, 16-19 years education, pre-school children, child protection, family support and social care, children with specific needs and the Youth Service. This meeting is open to the public, unless otherwise stated.

I would like to place on record my thanks to everybody who has been involved in the work of the Committee over the past year. I would particularly like to thank our Democratic Services Officer, Helen Barnsley, who has diligently and deftly supported Members throughout the past twelve months and ensured the smooth running of the Committee despite the restrictions of the pandemic.

As members will know the Committee has a broad remit and areas of particular focus include the continuing high demand for children's services and improving education in Warwickshire.

With this latter point in mind the Committee met once again with representatives from the Midlands Academy Trust in February 2021. The meeting was positive and set in motion plans to help ensure the relationship continues to be constructive and productive in the years ahead.

Over the past year committee members have been involved in two task & finish groups. The first was on SEND and Inclusion and was completed in early 2021 with a formal report presented to the Committee at its February meeting. Members agreed recommendations for officers to take forward and all involved felt it was a useful and productive exercise; we all hope it will make a difference.

Work is underway to establish a second task and finish group following the Committee meeting in September 2020 in relation to the support needs of young people linked to their emotional health and wellbeing, and mental health. Work began before the recent local government elections when officers met with young people to establish the scope for the group. The pandemic has had an immense effect on the children and young people who use the council's services and the work which will be carried out by this group will be vital.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members to the Committee; I look forward to working with you over the next twelve months. Highlights of the previous twelve months can be found below.

Councillor Yousef Dahmash

The House Project

The Committee received an update on The House Project which supports young people to become independent after they have left care. The House Project is a growing National project and the Committee was keen to support it in any way they could. Two young people were invited to the meeting to speak about their experience of the project and offer feedback on what had worked well for them, and what could be improved for future cohorts. The work with local landlords to explain the project and give them a better understanding of their tenants was highlighted.

It was agreed that the committee will continue to receive regular updates on the project and that officers will advise of any support that they can provide.

Nuneaton Education Strategy Update

Cabinet endorsed the Nuneaton Education Strategy in March 2020 involving multiple partners who would be supporting the strategy. It was confirmed that meetings had continued throughout the lock down periods and that things were continuing to move forward. The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to set some targets so that the committee could track the progress on delivery of the strategy. It was agreed that some targets could be based on OFSTED judgements but that until inspections restarted following lockdown this would be hard to achieve. It was therefore agreed that a recommendation be added to the strategy for a further update to be presented to the committee in six months' time.

Formulation of the Education Sufficiency Strategy

Warwickshire is growing in terms of need for pupil places and the committee was keen to get a full understanding of the processes and practicalities involved. Members raised several questions including parental preference, response to new developments, bulge classes and the number of temporary classrooms in use. Members received a detailed report and responses were provided to their questions. However, the committee felt that the issue is challenging and, with the added impact of the Pandemic, would need to be regularly reviewed.

SEND & Inclusion Change Programme – Task and Finish Group

In September 2020, Warwickshire County Council agreed a motion requesting that the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee set up a Task and Finish Group to monitor delivery of SEND provision.

The scope of the task and finish group was agreed at the first meeting and was confirmed as:

- Providing confidence and assurance to Overview and Scrutiny on the approach and governance of the programme
- Identifying projects/ themes of focus over which Overview and Scrutiny may wish to monitor progress more closely
- Identifying ways in which Members could add value to the objectives of

the programme

Four meetings took place and focused on each of the areas agreed in the scope. Session three involved a question and answer session with three Warwickshire Head Teachers who were able to give the group their perspective of the current SEND provision.

Twelve recommendations were agreed in accordance with the SENT & Inclusion Change Programme timeline and progress will be regularly monitored by the Committee.

Briefing Notes

As a result of some meetings being cancelled, it was agreed that certain information would be circulated to members outside of formal meetings. This would ensure that members were kept up to date as much as possible. Members were asked to provide feedback directly to the officers involved in the report or raise an issue at the next committee meeting as part of the work programme.

The following topics were covered by briefing notes;

- Early Help – One Year One
- Youth Service Offer
- Self-Harm Task and Finish Group – progress update

Joint Children & Young People and Adult Social Care & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Joint overview and scrutiny committee (OSC) meetings are arranged to consider cross-cutting issues that involve two or more scrutiny areas.

The Adult Social Care & Health and Children & Young People OSCs had previously commissioned a joint review into children and young people's mental health and wellbeing services.

An outcome from that work is periodic review meetings involving both committees. One such review meeting took place during 2020/21. The service providers, Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust and Coventry and Warwickshire Mind gave an update and presentation to members on the Rise Service in October 2020.

This focussed on the Local Transformation Plan, the response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, key updates from workstreams and a question and answer session with members on achievements and challenges.

At the same meeting members received an update on the co-produced Coventry and Warwickshire all age autism strategy. This item informed members of the work undertaken, the priorities identified and plans for delivery of the strategy.

Joint Adult Social Care & Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At the September 2020 meeting of Full Council, a cross-party motion was moved that a report should be presented to a joint meeting of the Adult Social Care & Health and the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committees.

The motion asked the committees to review ongoing work and consider establishing a task and finish group (TFG) to investigate any race inequalities across Warwickshire both internally and externally, in relation to meeting the needs of Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities within Warwickshire; this included health inequalities.

In November 2020, the joint committee received updates on health, education, economy & skills and equality, diversity, and inclusion within the council and across Warwickshire. The committee requested updates on the Council's ongoing work and requested a follow up meeting in late 2021.

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This committee reviews and scrutinises the provision of public services in Warwickshire relating to community safety, trading standards, transport and highways, economic development and environment, adult learning, heritage, tourism, flood risk management and emergency planning. This meeting is open to the public, unless otherwise stated.

“2020 was one of the most testing times for councils up and down the country and my first year as Chair of this committee.

I would like to put on record my heartfelt thanks to the officers who have worked so hard and provided a great deal of support to us as members in order for us to continue robust scrutiny of issues affecting our communities in these challenging times. I would also like to thank committee members who have also had to deal with challenges of a new way of working but have continued to engage in the overview and scrutiny process.

We have covered many subjects ranging from transport to business, children’s school safety zones to section 106 funding and issues affecting our BAME communities.

In the case of School 20mph zones, we have also produced recommendations to cabinet which have subsequently been accepted and used to form the basis of new policy where 20mph zones around schools would be implemented.

This is a great example of Scrutiny working well and having a tangible benefit to our communities.”

Councillor Clare Golby

Motions to the committee –Buses

At the December 2019 meeting of Full Council, the County Council agreed a motion that a report be taken to the committee which would focus on the council’s powers regarding buses, S106 contributions which were put towards bus service provision, schemes set out in the 2000 Transport Act and 2017 Bus Services Act, the resources required to successfully deliver the Council’s key objectives regarding buses, and electric buses. This report was received in September 2020 and the committee endorsed the recommendations.

External presenters

2020-2021 saw several presenters from outside the Council including West Midlands Trains, West Midlands Railway Executive, Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Public Health, and the University of Warwick. The topics considered varied from supporting local businesses during the Covid-19 Pandemic, air quality, reducing car usage, ongoing rail projects, and the effect that Covid-19 has had on public transport. All the presenters were well received by the committee and stated that they were happy to return to the committee in the future.

Matters relating to public transport (buses and trains) were reported frequently to the committee.

20mph Zones and School Safety

Following the November 2020 Communities OSC a report was submitted to the December Cabinet meeting, presenting the recommendations of a short-term Communities OSC established Task and Finish Group (TFG). This TFG recommended Cabinet to support the internal bids for two School Travel Plan Officer roles for a two-year period; or, Cabinet to consider adding funding for the roles to the budget proposals to be recommended to Council in February 2021. Cabinet unanimously supported the recommendations which also received cross-party support. The work of this TFG highlighted the importance of 20mph zones around schools.

Following Full Council approval of the budget in February 2021, it was clarified at the February 2021 meeting of Communities OSC that efforts would be made to speed implementation of 20mph zones around schools from May 2021..

Section 106 Funding

In February 2021 the committee received a report on S106 funding which was well received by members. The legislation governing Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) developer contributions had been amended to introduce a requirement for local authorities to publish an 'Annual Infrastructure

Statement' ("AIS") which sets out developer contributions for the previous financial year. The committee were able to raise their concerns around S106 funding being provided at the right time, developers adopting roads/S38 funding, and funding being used to help the NHS.

Resources and Fire & Rescue Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This Committee reviews and scrutinises the Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service, budget, medium term financial plan, corporate business plan, planning and performance arrangements, finance, property, information technology, facilities management, workforce strategy and development, law and governance, libraries, customer service and communications

During 2020/21, the Resources and Fire & Rescue Overview and Scrutiny Committee has continued in its robust scrutiny of the internal functions of Warwickshire County Council. I would like to thank the members of the Committee, and the officers who have supported it, for their dedication and hard work.

The impact of Covid-19 has meant that the events of the past 12 months have been unlike any other. The ongoing effects and implications of the Pandemic will undoubtedly remain an area of intense interest to the Committee.

Over the last 12 months, the Committee has reviewed the Authority's Covid-19 Recovery plans, proposals for Warwickshire Property and Development Group Company, the direction of the 'Our People' Strategy, the Heritage and Culture Strategy, digital connectivity, and much more.

The Committee also took a keen interest in matters relating to Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) including the development of an Integrated Risk Management Plan, and the implications of the construction phase of the High Speed 2 (HS2) rail project. The Committee was also pleased to receive details of the positive findings of the HMICFRS Covid-19 Inspection report for WFRS.

Some of the highlights of the Committee's work can be found below.

Councillor Adrian Warwick

Covid-19 Recovery

In June 2020, the Committee received an overview of the Council's approach to recovery from the Covid-19 Pandemic and provided input into the development of a Recovery Plan. This touched upon many areas relevant to the scope of the Committee, including development of new ways of working, reinstatement of services, support for vulnerable people, delivery of food parcels to those in need, and a remotely operated library service.

The Committee highlighted the importance of engagement with the voluntary and community sector, as well as town and parish councils, to deliver successful recovery strategies. The effectiveness of the Authority's Welfare Scheme and Free School Meals service was praised. Members highlighted the foresight demonstrated by the roll-out of Surface Pro devices and implementation of robust agile working ICT systems. These had substantially improved the organisation's resilience during the Pandemic.

'Our People' Strategy

In December 2020, the Committee reviewed the delivery priorities underpinning the development of the Our People Strategy (OPS) Delivery Plan 2021/22. Members took the opportunity to examine the implications of the rapid organisational change brought about by Covid-19. The response to the Pandemic had shown the resourcefulness and resilience of Council officers; the OPS sought to build upon this progress to develop a sustainable and agile workforce.

The Committee took a keen interest in the measures in place to support new starters and promote personal development during the period of the Pandemic. The availability of digital resources had provided an effective contingency. However, members were assured that long-term requirements for staff development had not been overlooked.

Attention was given to the effectiveness of homeworking arrangements to ensure that staff were adequately resourced and supported to work in a safe environment.. The importance of the role performed by line managers was highlighted.

Digital Connectivity

The Committee has taken a longstanding interest in the expansion of digital infrastructure across Warwickshire. The impact of Covid-19 has underlined the importance of effective broadband provision and connectivity. In December 2020, the Committee sought an update regarding the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Superfast Broadband project.

The Committee was reassured to hear that, to date, the project has provided superfast connectivity to 98% of premises (businesses and residential) across Warwickshire; additional full fibre connections would increase coverage to 99% by 2022. A bid to access funding from the government's Full Fibre Network Challenge Fund had been successful, making £5.7m available to deliver gigabit full fibre network connections to public buildings including schools, libraries and fire and rescue sites. This also substantially improved the provision of digital infrastructure for neighbouring residential and business premises at these locations.

It was noted that property developers were not legally obliged to provide a full fibre connection to new housing developments. Members commented that this constituted a missed opportunity and observed that a change in planning legislation would confer broader advantages. The Committee highlighted the importance of robust partnership working with borough and district councils to prioritise broadband connectivity within the planning process.

Heritage and Culture Strategy

In March 2021, the Committee received an update in respect of the Heritage and Culture Strategy which included an assessment of the impact of coronavirus on this sector. The Committee was pleased to hear that efforts had been made to signpost organisations to funding opportunities such as the Culture Recovery Fund.

A sector-wide survey had been undertaken to gauge the impact of the Pandemic. Its findings suggested that the Council could intervene effectively by providing marketing and peer-to-peer support for arts and heritage organisations. This presented a valuable means to attract people back to cultural events once the risk of transmission of the virus had subsided. The Committee recognised the importance of this type of intervention and indicated its wholehearted support.

High Speed 2 (HS2)

In June and September 2020, the Committee was updated in respect of enabling work being undertaken for the HS2 rail project prior to commencement of construction work. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) was a key stakeholder and had liaised with HS2 Ltd to ensure that the impact of the project could be managed effectively. The Committee was provided with a thorough overview of the extent of the engineering work proposed, as well as the anticipated effect on the highway network.

The Committee was assured that effective channels of communication had been established to ensure that WFRS would receive advance notification of temporary road closures; arrangements were in place whereby WFRS could utilise construction access routes on closed sections of highway if required. This would mitigate the impact of the scheme on emergency response times.

The Committee recognised the long-term implications of a project of this scale and highlighted the multiple risks posed by construction work. The increased burden on WFRS and local communities was acknowledged. It was recommended that the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) be attuned to the ongoing nature of additional hazards.

Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2020-2025

In September 2020, the Committee received details of the proposal to establish an IRMP Assurance Panel. This would enable scrutiny of WFRS's delivery of the IRMP and to monitor progress against annual action plans. Members expressed support for the proposal, highlighting the effectiveness of previously convened bodies of this type and the value of critical challenge.

In March 2021, the Committee reviewed the IRMP 2020 – 2025. An update was provided on the outcome of the public consultation on the five proposals underpinning delivery of the Plan. Members praised WFRS's focus on equality, diversity and inclusion, as well as the prioritisation of road safety initiatives. The Committee recommended that Council approve the IRMP and the proposals therein.

HMICFRS Covid-19 Inspection Report

In March 2021, members received an update of the findings of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services' (HMICFRS) inspection of the response of WFRS to the unique challenges of Covid-19.

Members were pleased to learn that HMICFRS had praised the ability and willingness of WFRS to maintain its delivery of statutory functions whilst supporting the community with a wide range of activities during a demanding period.

The Committee heard that WFRS had taken a leading role in raising the potential issue of whether furloughed on-call firefighters would continue to qualify for payments from their primary employer. This had been responded to promptly by the National Fire Chiefs Council, enabling on-call firefighters to continue to play a part. This advice had helped other fire and rescue services and was noted by HMICFRS in their report.

The Committee commended the Fire and Rescue Service for the positive outcome of the inspection and expressed its thanks to WFRS for its continued delivery of high-quality services during an exceptionally challenging time.

Overview and Scrutiny Committees – Membership

Adult Social Care and Health

Councillors Wallace Redford (Chair), Margaret Bell (Vice-Chair), Helen Adkins, Jo Barker, Mike Brain, John Cooke, Andy Jenns, Keith Kondakor, Jerry Roodhouse and Kate Rolfe.

Co-opted District and Borough Council Members

Councillor Judy Macdonald (North Warwickshire)

Councillor Tracy Shepherd / Barry Longden (Nuneaton and Bedworth)

Councillor Sally Bragg (Rugby)

Councillor Penny O'Donnell (Stratford)

Councillor Pamela Redford (Warwick)

Children and Young People

Councillors Yousef Dahmash (Chair), Pam Williams (Vice-Chair), Margaret Bell, Jonathan Chilvers, Corinne Davies, Peter Gilbert, Daniel Gissane, Howard Roberts, Dominic Skinner and Chris Williams

Co-opted Members

Joseph Cannon – Parent Governor

John McRoberts – Church Representative

Rev. Elaine Scrivens – Church Representative

Sean Taylor – Teacher Representative

Communities

Councillors Clare Golby (Chair), Dave Shilton (Vice-Chair), Jenny Fradgley, Seb Gran John Holland, Andy Jenns, Keith Kondakor, Andy Sargeant, Bhagwant Singh Pandher and Andrew Wright

Resources and Fire & Rescue

Councillors Adrian Warwick (Chair), Parminder Singh Birdi (Vice-Chair), Sarah Boad, John Cooke, Judy Falp, Peter Gilbert, Andy Jenns, Maggie O'Rourke, David Reilly and Alan Webb.

Getting Involved

Listening to the views of Warwickshire's residents is a crucial part of the work carried out by Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

If you have any queries or questions about scrutiny, or want to suggest a topic for the Committee to look at, please contact the Democratic Services Team

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The Committees look at key developments and Council priorities, service performance and strategic issues. Queries on individual matters or cases need to be raised with the appropriate service team directly.

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