

**Warwickshire County Council
Overview and Scrutiny Annual
Report 2019 - 2020**

Introduction

Welcome to the 2019/2020 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.

Overview and Scrutiny plays a crucial role in holding Warwickshire County Council's decision makers to account. Effective scrutiny challenges existing and proposed policies as well as the decisions of Cabinet. In addition to formal meetings, delivery of the work programme is achieved through briefing notes and focused 'task and finish' groups. Work programmes consider changes in policy and reviews of performance.

Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee, made up of non-Cabinet members, meets approximately four times a year. Members of the Council, Officers and residents of Warwickshire have an open invitation to put forward items for consideration by the relevant committee. Such proposals are considered at a meeting of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Group Spokespersons and officers and if considered appropriate added to the committee's work programme. This report highlights the work of the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Warwickshire County Council, in common with many other authorities, is facing challenges in terms of reduced resources and increased demand for services. 2019/2020 brought new challenges with disruption to the work programme due to the General Election in December 2019 and the requirements of the pre-election period.

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. Understandably, this has meant that authorities have had to change the way they work. Warwickshire County Council rapidly undertook a review of its meeting arrangements as social distancing and working from home became the new normal. The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was briefly interrupted but innovative use of new technologies has enabled us to resume meetings on a virtual basis.

As I write this introduction, there is no visible end to lock down, social distancing or when life will return to normal. However, Officers and Members at the Council are working extremely hard to make sure that, as much as possible, the Council continues to provide the best services for residents.

Looking forward to 2020/2021 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 emerge from the immediate Coronavirus response phase and move into the planning for recovery, there will be a key role for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to consider 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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1. 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 committee has a broad remit, covering services delivered by the County Council and its partners in the health sector. It includes a focus on clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), acute and primary care providers and work with Healthwatch Warwickshire. The committee’s workload is considerable and requires careful prioritisation, to ensure it focuses on key areas where it can make a difference. This is a time of considerable change for health services and increasing demands for adult social care services.

The committee’s workload has been impacted by the calling of a general election in December 2019 and the coronavirus outbreak in the spring of 2020, making it difficult to continue scrutiny meetings with NHS partners.”

Councillor Wallace Redford

Internal Support and Areas of Scrutiny

The committee is supported by lead officers in the People Directorate who pay for (commission) or deliver social care and public health services. Members scrutinise individual service areas, whilst also focusing on performance against targets. Officers have provided briefing documents and themed development sessions throughout the year, to broaden members’ understanding of the wide range of services within the committee’s remit. An example of this is a development session on the older people adult social care market.

Over recent years, there has been integration of social care and NHS services to drive efficiency. This is evidenced by the Public Health involvement in a review of local maternity services reported to the committee in conjunction with lead officers from the CCG. Similarly, an update on drug and alcohol services was co-presented by council officers and the group, Change, Grow, Live.

An independent review of demand in Adult Social Care has taken place and the findings were reported to the committee, together with the associated action plan and progress against that action plan.

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. The key area for review this year has been stroke services with the committee scrutinising the proposals and submitting its feedback via a joint committee referenced below.

During the year, there has been an extensive focus on the performance of the three clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) that serve Coventry and Warwickshire. An initial performance report was compiled by Public Health Warwickshire and this was followed by two questioning sessions at subsequent meetings, with lead officers from the CCGs and acute service providers.

From this work, the committee gained a detailed understanding of the NHS constitution indicators, national and local performance indicators against which CCGs are measured and meet their responsibilities. They work with and monitor service providers to improve shortfalls in performance and to require providers to put in place recovery action plans. Examples of the areas discussed in depth were dementia services, timescales for cancer treatments, improving access to psychological therapies and ambulance handover times.

A key finding is the need to educate the public, to inform them clearly of which services they should use and to reduce reliance on accident and emergency departments.

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 therefore a joint health overview and scrutiny committee meets to review service reconfiguration proposals. The key area during this year has been a review of stroke services. The joint committee met twice to receive information from lead commissioners and service providers, who also responded to questions on the revised service model. The joint committee was satisfied with the revised service proposals.

Public Health and Strategic Commissioning

The Director of Public Health and Strategic Director for the People Directorate attend every meeting, providing important updates to members. During this year reports were provided on public health commissioned services for drugs and alcohol, on local maternity services and through a development session, on the older people adult social care market.

Work with Healthwatch Warwickshire and the Health and Wellbeing Board

The committee works closely with Healthwatch Warwickshire, the voluntary organisation that 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. The committee receives periodic updates on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and its Chair, Councillor Les Caborn, who is also the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health attends every meeting with a regular 'question time' included on the agenda.

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 the group South Warwickshire Save Our NHS to most meetings, in the main concerning the review of stroke services and the proposed merger of the CCGs serving Coventry and Warwickshire. Written replies are provided to such questions.

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 (joint health scrutiny)

District and borough councils (co-opted representation)

Healthwatch Coventry

Healthwatch Warwickshire

NHS England

2. 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.

“As Chair of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, I would like to place on record my thanks to everybody who has been involved in the work carried out, in my third term as Chair.

The committee values the engagement of the public speakers who have attended the committee in the past year. A good example are the speakers on the ‘Home to School Transport Policy’ who expressed their concerns in their speeches presented to the committee in June 2019.

The committee has a broad remit and focus areas include the rising demand for children’s services and improving education in Warwickshire. In February 2020, councillors of the committee, officers and myself met with the Midlands Academy Trust at Nuneaton Academy. It was an insightful first-hand experience to talk with pupils and staff and tour around the academy in Nuneaton to discuss their improving academic performance.

In 2019/2020 the committee has scrutinised several evolving projects. This includes improving the mental and physical wellbeing for Warwickshire’s children, education and family development projects.

2019/2020 saw the introduction of pre-committee briefings for Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. One of these pre-meetings with frontline social workers was an invaluable experience for members of the committee who attended. Some of the highlights from reports in the past year can be found below.”

Councillor Yousef Dahmash

Mental and physical wellbeing for children

Children’s mental and physical wellbeing have been regular topics considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) in the past year. In June 2019 the committee was informed that the Children & Families service had brought together the Early Help, Targeted Support and Initial Response teams, to provide support for families. The committee monitored progress against the Early Help Action Plan, submitting a range of questions.

In September 2019 members discussed the County Council commissioned ‘healthy child programme’ provided through the third sector organisation Compass. This offered preventative and public health programmes in schools.

Progress was reported on the achievement of key recommendations from the last major review in 2014 and the learning from this which shaped a revised contract, implemented in November 2019. The plan focused on robust communication methods, mental and emotional health and wellbeing. It was set against the rising number of hospital admissions as a result of self-harm. Other aspects were school readiness, positive lifestyle choices and revising the service. The committee were keen on the logistics of this project.

Children's mental health services were also considered by the Joint Children & Young People and Adult Social Care & Health OSC meeting held in January 2020; it was established that the demand for these services outweighed current capacity. More information on that joint committee follows later in this annual report.

Education in Warwickshire

Education is a key focus for this committee. In September 2019, the committee received two reports on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) plan and the Nuneaton Education Strategy.

The SEND update followed Cabinet's approval of a revised strategy. There were increasing numbers of children with SEND or an EHC (Education, Health and Care) plans since 2014. This detailed report focused on promoting inclusion, getting it right for school age learners with high needs, improving health and social care for learners with SEND, preparing for adulthood, transport and workforce development. A verbal update was provided on a recent peer review and an expected inspection of the SEND service. The committee questioned funding, capacity for SEND and CAMHS/RISE services, the sensitivity of specialist education in the mainstream school setting and the implications of special schools being located out of county. The Nuneaton Education Strategy highlighted education performance challenges and the need for a new approach in raising the aspirations and outcomes for children and young people in Nuneaton. This report focused on the proportion of schools rated by Ofsted as requiring improvement, data on deprivation levels, take up of free school meals, concerns in the primary and secondary education settings and wider societal issues such as youth justice intervention and rates of teenage pregnancy. The committee focused on how this could improve.

In January 2020, the committee received an update on 'Closing the Gap'. This project sought to close the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers in Warwickshire. The committee noted the importance of this endeavour and noted how teachers need to be trained and supported appropriately. In February 2020, members visited the Nuneaton Academy, part of the Midlands Academy Trust. This included a tour of the school site, observing classes and was followed by an informal meeting to discuss current concerns, the action plans in place and academic progress.

Ongoing projects

In January 2020 an update on 'Different Futures' was provided. This project supported parents who had multiple children removed from their care and was part of an overall strategy to reduce the need for children to be in care. The positive update on progress and outcomes for parents and children was welcomed by the committee. Areas of advice and assistance included housing/homelessness, debt, mental health issues, drug/alcohol issues and employment. The project had led to a reduction in costs as fewer interventions were being required and these cost avoidance savings would increase following expansion of the service.

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

This committee reviews and scrutinises the provision of public services in Warwickshire relating to adults and children's services. It's held once a year.

In 2017-18, a joint scrutiny review of Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Services was commissioned. This 'task and finish' group was appointed to gain an assurance that the revised contract for the service would deliver its objectives of providing a timely and improved service for children and young people in Warwickshire.

One of the outcomes approved by the commissioning scrutiny committees and Cabinet was ongoing monitoring of performance of the new service. This has been provided by joint meetings of the Children & Young People and Adult Social Care & Health OSCs. They met during this reporting period, in January 2020. The report and accompanying presentation focused on performance and outcomes, prevention and intervention, waiting times, service developments, challenges and achievements. Members acknowledged the significant improvements made in reducing waiting times for some services. However, there remains concern about waiting times for initial and follow up appointments and especially autism waiting times. Access to services and support in advance of a formal diagnosis were also raised.

The joint committee also received a presentation on the Coventry and Warwickshire Maternity, Children and Young People Programme. Clinical commissioning groups informed members of the aims of the programme, the services being reviewed to ensure they remained fit for purpose and an outline was given of planned future engagement.

4. 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.

“This was my second year as Chair, and can I once again thank members of the Committee for their commitment in scrutinising the workings of the Council. Can I also put on record my thanks for the hard work and support given by officers and members of the public for attending to ask questions and put views to us. It is important that subjects of particular interest by Committee Members are incorporated in the workload and the main subjects looked at over the year are listed below”

Councillor Alan Cockburn

Climate Change – Emergency and Adaptation

The Climate Change Emergency Task and Finish Group (TFG) was established in September 2019 following Warwickshire County Council’s climate emergency declaration in July 2019. The declaration committed the Emergency TFG to report to Cabinet within 6 months with an initial action plan. The group gathered evidence from officers across the council. At a workshop held in November 2019, attendees were asked to highlight mitigation work already being done and planned future work. From these, the group produced recommendations that asked Cabinet to take a strategic approach to the climate emergency. The report itself went to Cabinet in January 2020 and was approved. This work ran alongside the climate change adaptation work.

The Climate Adaptation Group was established following an agreed motion to Full Council in October 2018 and started in July 2019. It convened to review the impacts of climate change on the County and its effect on services. A workshop was held in September 2019 to identify vulnerable areas, work already being undertaken and opportunities to improve resilience across the County, with council officers and members. The evidence from this workshop was analysed and structured into key themes. The findings were presented in the report ‘Making Warwickshire Sustainable for Future Generations’ which Communities OSC endorsed in November 2019 and referred to Cabinet. The report was approved by Cabinet in December 2019.

Both groups emphasised the importance of adopting the Met Office’s UK Climate Projections as the basis of Warwickshire County Council’s expectation of the climate in 2050 and plans to this effect. As well as providing a clear direction through the Council Plan 2020-2025, detailing actions that will be taken to prepare Warwickshire for the change in climate to come. Both groups additionally expressed the importance of cross-party work to advance work done on climate change to continue for the council’s future.

Climate change, benefits for the environment and waste are topics that will continue to be monitored and scrutinised by the Communities OSC in the future.

On-street Parking Consultation Analysis and Proposed Way Forward special meeting

Following Full Council in October 2019, it was decided that Communities OSC would hold a special meeting regarding parking permits. Following this meeting, which was held in January 2020 and involved many non-committee councillors and public speakers, it was agreed that Cabinet will make a final decision on this issue and a short-term Task and Finish Group should be established to investigate other aspects of on-street parking management, such as business permitting, and environmental considerations and tourism.

Roads, Highways, Safety and the MRN

There have been numerous road updates and developments throughout Warwickshire this year which the committee has been keen to have reported to it. The Major Road Network (MRN) was a keen topic of interest for members on and off the committee; incorporating public transport and air quality was important to members when they considered a report in February 2020. These road developments have been focused on using and receiving all funding available, as well as keeping the environmental implications in view following the climate emergency declaration.

Waste Reduction and Recycling Campaigns and Waste Management Review

Communities OSC has been committed to receiving reports on waste management schemes. The Council has been working on waste reduction schemes as stated in the June 2019 committee meeting. In February 2020, the committee received a report focusing on reducing Warwickshire's carbon emissions, following the climate emergency declaration.

Public Transport in Warwickshire

Communities OSC has focused on the improvements of public transport in Warwickshire following developments for the Warwickshire Rail Strategy 2019-2034 and the emphasis of utilising the 2017 Bus Act. In September 2020, Communities OSC will receive a report on the "Future of the Bus" for Warwickshire and recommend changes for Cabinet.

5. 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

“2019/2020 saw the Resources and Fire & Rescue Overview and Scrutiny Committee continue its robust scrutiny of the internal functions of Warwickshire County Council. I would like to thank both the members of the Committee, and the officers who have supported it, for all their hard work and input.

Over the last twelve months the Committee has reviewed superfast broadband provision, the continuation of the Switch and Save scheme, as well as innovative digital resources offered by the Library Service and Heritage and Culture Service.

The Committee also took a keen interest in matters relating to the Fire and Rescue Service including public consultation in relation to proposals for a new Rugby Fire Station, and the implications of the on-going HMICFRS inspection programme.

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

Councillor Adrian Warwick

Warwickshire Fire Deaths

In September 2019, the Committee received a report in respect of fire deaths between January 2017 and December 2018 in the County. The performance data showed a discernible increase in the number of deaths resulting from dwelling fires during this period compared with the data from previous years.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) provided a comprehensive overview of the work undertaken to engage with the community, promote safer practices, identify and protect vulnerable members of society, and implement a range of fire prevention initiatives. WFRS detailed the rigorous procedures enacted to investigate the circumstances of each incident including work undertaken with partner agencies.

The Committee recognised the tragic nature of the events detailed in the report and expressed its sympathy to all those affected. It was noted that the Council had been able to support the safe sharing of information between partner organisations which improved the provision of support to vulnerable members of the community and assisted WFRS in its implementation of Safe and Well Checks.

It was recognised that, though it was difficult to identify one trend to link all the fire deaths, a level of vulnerability was evident across many of the recorded cases. Following a detailed discussion, the Committee concluded that WFRS had provided

an outstanding prevention service and made use of all the available opportunities to mitigate the danger of accidental death or injury by fire.

The Committee expressed its gratitude to WFRS and recognised the outstanding work being done to protect the public, stating that this was a feeling echoed by the wider community.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS)

In December 2019, the Committee was updated regarding the second tranche of inspections proposed by HMICFRS. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) had been one of the first services to be inspected in the Summer of 2018 during the initial phase of the newly created Fire and Rescue Inspection Framework. The Deputy Chief Fire Officer reported that it was anticipated that the upcoming inspection would be informed by the findings of the initial inspection, and that on this basis it was likely to be a more focused and rigorous evaluation. The inspection was scheduled to begin in Spring 2020.

In readiness for the inspection, WFRS had asked the Internal Audit Service at Warwickshire County Council to carry out a review of the Fire Service's response to the initial inspection. This would enable WFRS to identify any areas in need of specific attention. It was noted that some concerns had been raised in respect of the relatively short period of time between inspections. It was also highlighted that the initial inspection report from HMICFRS had been positive, and that the scheduling of the second phase was not considered to be a response to the initial findings.

The Committee expressed its support for robust inspection and scrutiny of the Service whilst acknowledging that the inspection regime places an additional pressure on resources, especially for smaller Services.

Library Service Performance and Delivery of Digital Services

The Committee received an update regarding the performance of libraries and the digital services offer. The Committee heard how the Library Service had adapted to the requirement to reduce annual costs and continued to provide a dynamic service for Warwickshire residents, including an expansion of digital resources.

The Service had aspired to respond to the changing needs of communities, including a greater emphasis on partnership working, engagement with volunteers, investment in technology, and a focus on how library spaces are used.

Members praised the contribution of volunteers, especially in the operation of the home delivery scheme which provided a valuable service to isolated individuals. The Committee commended the work of staff and volunteers, and praised the contribution made by the Library Service.

Heritage and Culture Service

In December 2019, an update was presented regarding the performance of the Heritage and Culture Service following a request for information from the Committee.

The report provided an overview of the Service following the delivery of savings targets and organisational changes. The arts sector had faced reduced spending across the public sector and Arts Council England; as well as the loss of the West Midlands Regional Council for Museums, Libraries, Archives.

The report highlighted the expansion of public interest in digital archives fuelled by the popularity of genealogy and family history research. The Committee noted the positive effect of digital archiving and its capacity to enable more records to be preserved.

It was noted that the relocation of the Warwickshire Museum Collection to Hawkes Point would provide an opportunity for more objects to be presented to the public. It was reported that work in partnership with the Library Service was underway to review the school lending service (of objects and resources) from April 2020. The Committee highlighted the importance of engagement with young people and the need to promote the Service's assets.

It was also reported that work in partnership with Visit England was underway to highlight tourism in the area and promote events across the County. As an outcome of the new strategy, the Canal and River Trust had expressed an interest in working with HCW. The Chair recommended that a report be presented to the Committee in twelve months' time to review developments.

BDUK (Building Digital UK) Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire (CSW) Superfast Broadband Project

In June 2019, the Committee was presented with an update of the good progress made by the BDUK CSW Superfast Broadband Project. It was reported that the project was on track to extend superfast connectivity to 98% of premises (businesses and residential) within Warwickshire by the end of June 2020; above the national average and conferring advantages to businesses and consumers.

A demonstration of the newly developed web portal resource was provided, enabling members to check of the status of projects within each division. The portal allowed access to detailed map-based information showing the regions where superfast connectivity was already in place, areas where funding was pending, as well as locations where CSW was seeking a resolution to commercial supply issues following the withdrawal of agreed service providers.

It was noted by the Committee that planning law did not mandate that broadband services be treated in the same way as other utilities (such as gas, water mains or electricity) during the construction of new property developments. This often resulted in a delay to the provision of superfast broadband to new residences.

The Committee evaluated the benefits of lobbying MPs for a reform to planning laws and noted that the current legislation was failing to satisfy this concern at present.

6. Public-i webcasting

In September 2018, Warwickshire County Council started to live stream Full Council, Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Regulatory Committee meetings via Public-i.

The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic meant that from March 2020 council meetings moved from being held in Shire Hall to being held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

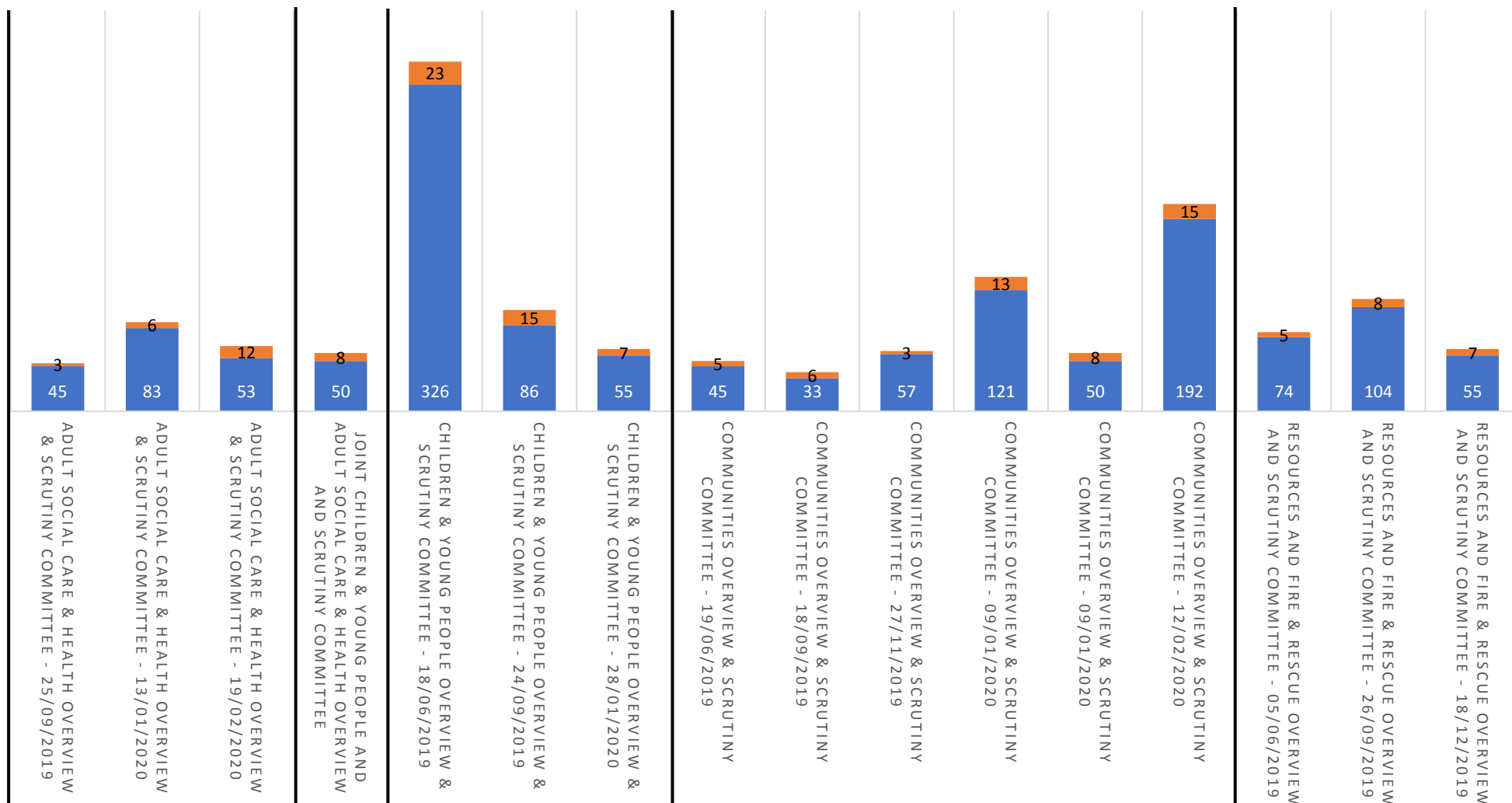
In order to ensure that public meetings were still accessible, IT officers established a YouTube channel for all appropriate meetings. The link for each meeting is shared via the twitter account ahead of the meeting. Once the meeting has concluded, the recording is shared via Public-I and Modern.gov.

This ensures that despite the new ways of working, the public is still able to access live streams and recordings of council meetings.

The figures presented in this report show the viewing figures for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings from April 2019, up until the official lockdown date of 23 March 2020.

VIEWING INFORMATION FOR EACH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020

■ All views ■ Live views



7. Overview and Scrutiny Committees – Membership

Adult Social Care and Health

Councillors Wallace Redford (Chair), Clare Golby (Vice-Chair), Helen Adkins, Jo Barker, Mike Brain, John Cooke, John Holland, Andy Jenns, Jerry Roodhouse and Andy Sargeant.

Co-opted District and Borough Council Members

Councillor Margaret Bell (North Warwickshire)

Councillor Sally Bragg (Rugby)

Councillor Christopher Kettle (Stratford)

Councillor Pamela Redford (Warwick)

Councillor Tracy Shepherd (Nuneaton and Bedworth)

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 Alan Cockburn (Chair), Dave Shilton (Vice-Chair), Jenny Fradgley, Seb Gran John Holland, Andy Jenns, Keith Kondakor, Bhagwant Singh Pandher, Caroline Phillips 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 and David Reilly

8. 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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www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scrutiny

The Committees look at key decisions, 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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