

Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report to 25th January 2023 Full Council

Since the last report to you at December's Full Council, the Scrutiny Committee met on 11th January as scheduled.

The committee had an opportunity to consider and note all of the items which were to be presented for update and/or approval at the meeting of the Executive on 18th January.

These included updates on progress in developing the Lancashire 2050 Strategic Framework, on Burnley's community safety performance, and on how the authority plans to protect and promote food safety throughout the borough.

In an update on the Health and Safety Intervention Plan the committee was informed about how the authority's Health and Safety team met the requirements of statutory guidance when carrying out its public protection duties within workplaces.

Ever pleased to see empty homes being brought back into use and providing high quality accommodation, members were informed about proposals to make a number of Compulsory Purchase Orders for long term vacant properties in the private sector.

The committee received a report on proposals to re-procure the Council's environmental enforcement service for the borough and an overview of performance of the current contract which is due to expire at the end of June. We also learnt of proposals in relation to the construction of a wheeled sports area at Memorial Park in Padiham, for use by skateboards, scooters and BMX bikes.

Members were also able to examine proposals relating to St James's Street Heritage Action Zone, Burnley Bus Station Facilities Management contract and the lease of the Stables Café.

Cllrs Howard Baker & Ann Royle, Scrutiny Committee Chair & Vice-Chair – January 2023