

Scrutiny Cycle 1 report

Following a delayed start to this year's Scrutiny cycle I was pleased to welcome new and old members to our first meeting on 17th June.

This special meeting had been called for Scrutiny to consider the proposed changes to the recycling service and the capital works to the Town Hall building. In respect of the recycling service the Committee recommended to the Executive that a further review of those properties shown red in the appendix to the report be completed by April 2020. Whilst the Executive agreed to this further review, the Committee is disappointed that the completion date has been put back to September 2020. The Committee endorsed the recommendations in respect of the capital works to the Town Hall building and I would like to thank my Vice Chair Councillor Marcus Johnstone for standing in for me as I had declared an interest in this item.

At the scheduled Scrutiny meeting on 26th June members received an update on the Aspiration Strategy which highlighted the positive work being done to drive forward the educational aspirations of our young people. Members supported the initiatives and were pleased to hear of anecdotal evidence that the Children's University project was being well received by our school children.

We also received the final outturn positions for both Capital and Revenue budgets and the Treasury Management statement for 208/19. The Committee will continue to review the budget monitoring reports and other financial matters throughout the year.

Since my last report to Council in February I am pleased to report that the Dementia Review Group's recommendations to the Executive were supported and that the Herbert Protocol, a risk reduction tool which aims to assist the Police and search teams to locate a missing person with dementia, was being rolled out to encourage our partners to maximise take up.

Going forward members have been asked to submit topics for the 2019/20 scrutiny programme by 1st August and these will be scoped before being prioritised into the work plan for 2019/20. In the first instance the Committee intends to revisit the recommendations of the Manchester Road Station scrutiny review to assess their implementation and effectiveness.

I look forward to working with colleagues during 2019/20 to provide effective scrutiny outcomes for the Borough.

Councillor Andy Tatchell

Chair of Scrutiny

1st July 2019