

## Scrutiny Cycle 2 report.....

At the June meeting of the Scrutiny Committee questions were raised regarding the Empty Homes strategy and accordingly at the Scrutiny meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September members received an update on the Empty Homes Strategy in particular how the target figures for the empty homes programme was set from Paul Gatrell. This was well received and generated debate and many questions which officers responded to.

The Scrutiny item regarding the Burnley Leisure Trust was deferred to the next sitting of Scrutiny due to Gerard Vinton, Chief Executive, being on annual leave.

The Committee received the latest Capital and Revenue budget monitoring reports and the Revenue budget 2020-23 latest position and savings report. The Committee will continue to review the budget monitoring reports and other financial matters throughout the year.

Members also considered the updated Strategic Plan report and comments were fed back, through officers, to the Executive. Members discussed in some detail and length showing concern and interest as to how the proposal to review the Council's governance structure (Pf5) would be undertaken.

Going forward members have considered items for scrutiny during 2019/20 and agreed that it would carry out two reviews:

- a) One before Christmas 2019 will be to revisit the recommendations of the Manchester Road Station scrutiny review carried out in 2017 to assess the extent of implementation and effectiveness or otherwise.
- b) The second to be carried out in early 2020 will be to review the current process of resolving housing disrepair issues for residents in social housing as compared to the private rented sector particularly upon the intervention of the Housing Needs Service.

The Committee were appreciative that six project suggestions had been received and were keen to establish that all were of value and that the four suggestions not taken on by the working groups should, nevertheless, be incorporated into the Scrutiny programme as the years' business evolves wherever possible.

The Committees aim will be to continue to provide effective scrutiny outcomes for the Borough.

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Chair of Scrutiny

17<sup>th</sup> September 2019