

Scrutiny Report to Council

This report is relatively brief as following the introduction of the new Calendar, the committee meets only once per cycle. As a result of the lengthy budget agenda two items have been deferred until the next meeting of the committee.

At the February Budget Scrutiny Committee, we received the updated Strategic Plan. The plan remains focussed around the four themes of People, Place, Prosperity and Performance, and highlights the commitments of the Council for the next three years.

Progress will continue to be reported to Full Council, and we look forward to seeing the results on the ground.

The Committee reviewed the latest Capital and Revenue budget monitoring reports, which provided the latest budget position for the current financial year.

February is of course Budget setting month, and the annual Budget reports were presented to the committee, en route to the Executive and this meeting. Along with the capital and revenue budgets, we also considered the Medium Term Financial Strategy, and treasury management plans.

The two review groups continue to meet. The Railway review group are planning to discuss some of the issues they have identified with representatives from Network Rail and Northern Rail. The Leisure Trust review group have now concluded their review, and at the February meeting the whole committee endorsed the draft report and thanked Review Group members for their hard work. The report will now be submitted to the Executive for their consideration.

In our next meeting, we look forward to setting the work plan for the coming year.

Councillor Andy Tatchell