

Scrutiny Cycle 3 report

This is my third report of the 2020/21 Municipal year.

Scrutiny continues to monitor the Council's response to Covid-19 and members have been involved in scrutinising both the Covid-19 Economy Recovery and Growth Strategy and the Covid-19 Community Recovery Strategy. Scrutiny remains fully apprised of the situation in our Borough and will continue to monitor developments over the coming months.

A special meeting of Scrutiny was held on 22nd October to consider the Economic Recovery and Growth Strategy, the request for a loan from Burnley College and the Pioneer Project and scrutiny was able to comment on them before being considered by the Executive.

At the request of scrutiny members a further special scrutiny meeting was held in November to consider the Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document which members were able to recommend to the Executive for approval and adoption.

A scheduled meeting of scrutiny was held on 7th December at which we looked at the Developer Contributions Supplementary Document, the Safer Streets Project, The Covid-19 Community Recovery Plan, the Resident's Satisfaction Survey and the quarter 2 Performance Report. We also consider the financial reports which are before Council tonight.. Comments from that meeting were fed into the Executive which met on 9th December.

In respect of the Scrutiny review groups, the Housing Repairs Working Group has had an initial meeting and is making ongoing progress to report back to scrutiny when appropriate.

We also have considered two private reports, one on the Towneley protection program on which members complemented all involved and looked forward to this important work to safeguard this "jewel in Burnley's crown" and a second report concerning the ongoing logistical management of Burnley Market Hall. Members had views which, in many cases, were beyond the perimeters of the report and views were expressed regarding a possible cross party Scrutiny working group to examine the issues in the new year. Both reports were taken as noted by members.

In closing I would like to thank all members of the Scrutiny Committee for all their hard work in accommodating heavy agendas and extra meetings during this difficult year for everyone.

Councillor Andy Tatchell

Chair of Scrutiny

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