

Scrutiny Cycle 4 report

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

At our last meeting and as part of its statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Scrutiny received Burnley's Community Safety Annual Report. Members considered the current community safety projects and activity in Burnley and looked at the strategic priorities for 2021.

Members were supportive of the work of the Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating (MATAC) Group and noted Burnley's continued involvement in the delivery of key, pan-Lancs strategies in reducing crime and disorder. We were satisfied that the Borough remains pro-active despite the challenges that have been experienced during 2020 and the COVID pandemic.

We further considered the Strategic Plan for 2021, in particular the ongoing economic and community COVID recovery plans.

As is usual at this point in the municipal year Scrutiny had sight of the budget reports for 20/21 and 2021/22 which are before Council tonight. Comments from the meeting were fed into the Executive which met on 15th February.

My Vice Chair Councillor Marcus Johnstone gave an update on the Housing Repairs Review Group and that the Managing Director of Calico had agreed to attend the next meeting of the review group in March. The review group hope to be able to report its findings by the end of this municipal year.

As part of our work programme we agreed to set up a new review group to consider a comprehensive review of Burnley Market Hall. An invite has been sent to scrutiny members to volunteer for this piece of work. The review group has been tasked with setting the criteria and dimensions of the review and to report back to the main Committee for its approval to proceed with this piece of work over the summer.

Finally, we noted that the Leisure Trust Annual Report, the Delivery Plans for Food Safety and Health and Safety had been held over to the March meeting and will be reviewed before the municipal year comes to an end.

Councillor Andy Tatchell

Chair of Scrutiny

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