

There has been one meeting of Scrutiny since last Council.

I was pleased to take an additional item of business regarding an Executive/Scrutiny Protocol which had been discussed at the Member Structures and Support Working Group (MSSWG). MSSWG recommended a trial pilot scheme for the next six months which would see Scrutiny members submitting questions to officers and Executive members in advance of our meetings to aid preparation and meaningful discussions at the meetings. This will begin in advance of our next meeting and I will update Council on this in my next report. Also MSSWG recommended that I and my Vice Chair meet quarterly with the Leader and Deputy and senior officers to discuss issues that Scrutiny may wish to take forward.

The Committee then considered the results of the Selective Licensing consultation exercise in the areas of Burnley Wood with Healey Wood and Leyland Road and the further designations proposed. Due to my housing interests my Vice Chair stepped in to take this item and the item on the update of the Scrutiny Housing Review Group. After discussions the Committee endorsed the recommendations for Selective Licensing to the Executive and noted the Review Groups decision to continue to monitor the social housing sector.

The Committee also considered the Health and Safety Intervention Plan and the Food Safety Delivery Plan and noted the excellent work being done in these areas during the continued Covid restrictions. These plans ensure the Council meets its regulatory obligations and the Committee were happy to recommend them to the Executive and Full Council.

The Committee then looked at three areas of land relating to the Rakehead Recreation Ground, Tabor Street and Kinross Street. Each report was considered in some detail and duly noted.

Finally we took a private report on the delivery of the Levelling Up Fund and the UCLAN expansion programme which included the construction of new teaching and student facilities, public realm works and site preparation for future phases. The report was being recommended to the Executive for approval to facilitate this work in a timely manner and as such I had been asked to waive call-in on this matter. I got the agreement of the Vice Chair and other members present that this was acceptable and call-in was duly waived.