

### **Scrutiny Chair Cycle 3 Report to Council**

The Full Committee has met once during this cycle of meetings, and a new round of Scrutiny Reviews have commenced .

The 13<sup>th</sup> November meeting saw Members receive the latest round of budget reports, some of which have been discussed this evening. The treasury management report provided an economic update for the first six months of the year and a review of the Council's investment activity during the period. The Fees and Charges report outlined the proposed fees and charges tariff for 2018, that forms part of the overall budget setting process for 2018/19. The Committee also considered the Council's Capital and Revenue budget position for 2017/18 at the halfway point in the year.

The Committee will meet again at the end of the month, and will be receiving the Leisure Trust Annual Report, Community Safety Annual Report and the half-year Performance Report. We look forward to receiving updates on these topics.

I mentioned earlier that the work of the Review Groups was underway for 2017/18. A Review Group met recently to discuss the pilot environmental enforcement project that had been underway since April 2017. Members were encouraged by the results demonstrated by the pilot to date, and were keen to endorse the view that should the Council take the opportunity to procure a similar service going forward, that significant focus should be given to dog fouling in the service specification.

A scoping meeting was also held for a second review which will look at Dementia Services and the Council's involvement. The group intends to invite specialists in the field to a meeting in the near future to assist with their investigations.

There are two further member driven scrutiny topics that have been put forward for future review. These will be developed, and the outcomes reported as and when taken forward.

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