

## **Scrutiny Chair Cycle 4 Report to Council**

The Full Committee has met twice during this cycle of meetings, and the Scrutiny Review Group has continued to meet.

The 29<sup>th</sup> November meeting saw Members consider a series of Annual updates that are brought to the Committee. Members were pleased to receive the 2016/17 Annual Report from Burnley Leisure outlining the achievements and financial position of the Trust. Members were pleased to note the distance travelled and transformation since the creation of the Trust, and the aspirational vision for the future development of the Trust. Members commented on the profile of the Mechanics as a venue, and the excellent standard of events.

The Community Safety Annual Report highlighted a number of initiatives the team is involved with across a broad range of issues. A range of emerging issues were highlighted alongside the constant battle against cybercrime. It was very positive to hear about the ongoing partnership work alongside local Councillors to tackle specific ward issues.

The Performance Report provided a snapshot of the Council's services for the first 6 months of the year. Members were pleased to see the majority of services operating at or above target.

At the Budget Scrutiny meeting in early February we carried out our quarterly budget monitoring role – receiving updates on the latest position for both Capital and Revenue budgets. The Committee also received the latest annual update to the Council's Strategic Plan, outlining minor amendments for the coming year.

The Committee was also pleased to receive the updated Food Safety Delivery Plan, and Health and Safety Delivery Plans. These reports highlighted the work that both teams carry out with local businesses to ensure our safety, whether that be when treating ourselves to a take away or meal out, or indeed when we go to work or to a leisure activity.

The Committee then looked at the suite of Budget Reports for 2018/19. These reports set out how the budget had been developed and presented the budget proposals for both Capital and Revenue for the next year. They were accompanied by a strategy detailing how the Council proposed to manage its finances in the medium term and was already looking at future years budgets, alongside the Treasury Management Strategy which details how the Council will manage its assets.

The Scrutiny Review continues to look at Dementia Services. In January the group met with the Regional Manager from the Alzheimer's Society and gained some useful insights into the work they do in the local area and nationally. Moving forward the group have identified three potential areas for support through Partnership Working: Promoting take up of schemes such as the Herbert Protocol or Guardian Angels which assist if a person living with dementia goes missing; Supporting a review of the care pathway – including support for carers; and supporting the Alzheimer's Society to promote their 'Side by Side' volunteer programme which looks

to support people living with dementia to carry on their regular activities by 'matching' them up with a trained volunteer with similar interests.

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