

Scrutiny Chair - Annual Report

The Full Committee held its final meeting for the year in March. The date was brought forward to accommodate the Executive meeting being moved to pre date election purdah.

At that meeting Members considered some of the headline items from the annual Feedback Survey that had been carried out. It was interesting to see the priorities highlighted by the results, and how these might have changed from year to year.

We also received the State of the Local Economy Report, which reports on employment and economic trends, as well as providing an update on the support being provided by the Regeneration Team to local individuals and businesses, and those wishing to relocate into Burnley.

As I reflect on the year as a whole, it has been a busy one for the Scrutiny Committee. Although the number of full Committee Meetings has been reduced, the number of the member led Review Group meetings has increased.

The review group volunteers have completed the extensive Burnley Station Railway Review, completed a mini-review on the Environmental Enforcement Pilot Scheme, and made headway into a review of Dementia Services which will carry on into the new council year with a report coming in late June as an interim part of our approach strategy.

Looking forward to the coming year, the scrutiny committee draft work plan already indicates that we have more busy meetings on the horizon alongside more Review Group work. Once the Committee has been formed for the new Council year in May, members will be invited to submit ideas for further member led review topics. I will also be suggesting the reviews already completed and accepted are monitored to measure progress of delivery.

In concluding my final report to the council this year I'd like to thank all Scrutiny Committee Members for their hard work and enthusiastic support throughout 2017/8.

Cllr Andy Tatchell

Scrutiny Chair