

Scrutiny Chair's Cycle 3 Report to Council

Cycle 3 has been a busy one for the Committee.

At our meeting in December we received the annual update on the Priorities and performance of the Community Safety Partnership. It was interesting to hear how the work of the partnership is progressing, and different projects that are active in the borough.

The Committee received various financial reports, including the Quarter 2 finance reports, which updated the latest budget position. The Committee also reviewed Treasury Management activities in the first six months of the year, as well as considering the fees and charges tariff which will apply across the Borough from 1st January 2017. Also on the table were reports which outlined how health and safety and food safety services would be targeted over the coming year.

We also considered the report from the Peer Review which the Council participated in. It was good to see that the review team had seen many positives during their time in Burnley. The positives continued with the Q2 performance report, which indicated that performance across the Council was strong, with the majority of indicators at or above target.

We also received an update from East Lancashire CCG on the proposed changes to GP Access across East Lancashire. We received the results of the consultation that had been carried out, and how the CCG were looking to take plans forward. Committee members were keen to help the CCG make links with other sections of the community. We look forward to welcoming the CCG back when the plans have been developed further.

The two review groups continue to meet, with the Leisure Trust review group beginning to finalise their work, ready to produce a draft report in the new year. The Railway review group are planning to discuss some of the issues they have identified with representatives from Network Rail and Northern Rail, as both have responsibility for different aspects of the service.

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